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HISTORY

OF

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CENTENNIAL ADDRESS

JUNE 3, 1818
TO
JUNE 3, 1918

By Ill. Companion
ROBERT L. ALMY, P. T. I. M.

One hundred revolving years,
Full charged with labors, sighs and tears
The craft have brought their tools,
And wrought, within
This Council old and gray,
A legend of an earlier day.
Now brothers, joyfully appear
And celebrate our hundredth year.
Unchanged while all the world grows old,
We joy the ancient faith to hold,
Through centuries still
The task fulfill
That God entrusts to man below.
Free Masonry no change shall know,
In such belief we now appear
To celebrate our hundredth year.

SALEM IN 1818

RATHER a primitive and conservative old place. The crooked streets, or rather lanes, paved with round cobble stones, were unlighted (nor were there any street lights in Salem until 1835). On dark nights the brethren probably carried lanterns with candles in them to guide them on their way and to prevent accidents by falling into holes and breaking their necks. This is the reason that many of the old lodges met on or before the full of the moon. The night watch went about the street singing out "12 o'clock and all's well."

Salem had about 12,000 or 13,000 inhabitants. There were no public conveyances, except stage coaches, which ran to Boston, Newburyport, Marblehead and Gloucester. The town water had just been put in (company incorporated 1797), but probably most of the water used at that time came from the old town pumps scattered about the city. Perhaps our ancient brethren did not use much water—that is to drink. I see by looking over the files of the *Salem Gazette* of that day that there were many places where spirits were sold and of cargoes of wines and liquors from Spain and Portugal,—also auction sales of choice cordials, etc., from foreign parts.

The War of 1812 closed February 13, 1815. Salem sent out 40 privateers, 189 cannon and 2142 men; many of those men were Masons, good men and true, who lost their lives in sea fights or languished in prison hulks in England. James Monroe, father of the celebrated doctrine, was President of the United States; John Brooks, Governor of Massachusetts, and Andrew Jackson was fighting the Indians in the Everglades, and Napoleon sojourned at St. Helena.

The shipping had hardly recovered from the war, but

the merchants were beginning again to send their ships to the seven seas, and pirates abounded in the coves and inlets of the southern islands. At that time, according to *Felt's Annals*, there were about fifty wharves in Salem belonging to the Derbys, the Greys, Crowninshields, and other heavy men of the period. The military caste was strong throughout the country and many captains and colonels were among the residents of Salem and vicinity. Duels were a common event throughout the States.

July 4th, 1818, the first U. S. Flag, as we know it now, waved from the Capitol at Washington.

EARLY ACCOUNTS OF CRYPTIC MASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DURING the years preceding any organization, many respectable Royal Arch Masons, having variously obtained the Honorary Degree of Royal Master, etc., and in consequence having cultivated a more immediate and intellectual friendship in the concerns of the craft, proposed at some future day the establishment of the Select Order with a regular Council, with its usual forms, regalia, etc., especially adapted in relation to, though independent of the third and seventh degrees of freemasonry; it was otherwise desirable as many Councils were formed and forming in the several sister states throughout the Union that in the metropolis of New England a similar association should exist. Boston being the Grand Centre of our Masonic communication and the degree of Royal Master being a grade of high reputation, with many traditional interests worthy of a connection in the fellowship of Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, it was considered too important to be set aside and indiscriminately conferred.

The early history of the Cryptic Rite in Massachusetts is somewhat obscure. Several Royal Arch Masons had in some way not now known, obtained the degree of Royal Master and in consultation with each other it was deemed advisable to form a Council of Royal Masters. Nine Royal Masters accordingly met and organized by choosing Benjamin Gleason, Chairman, and John B. Maud, Secretary. A code of by-laws were adopted, proper officers were chosen and installed, and from that time commenced conferring the degree of Royal Master on such Royal Arch Masons as were found worthy and desirous to receive it.

Thus was formed Boston Council. The names of Aaron

Bean and Joseph Jenkins were among the first members. The first meeting was held in Mason's Hall in the Exchange Coffee House, Boston, July 20, 1817, A. D.

The Council rapidly increased in numbers and prosperity. Individuals from all parts of the State came to Boston and received the degrees and on returning home assisted in forming councils in their respective towns. The price of the degrees generally was $3.00 for each.

SALEM COUNCIL

Preliminary Meeting

THE first account of Salem Council that can be found are extracts and memoranda from the old records of Salem Council (now lost), furnished by Ill. Companion John Haigh, Grand Recorder.

On the 27th day of May, 1818, A. L. 5818, the Most Illustrious Sir Benjamin Gleason, Master of Boston Council of Royal Masters, visited Salem and conferred the degree of Royal Master upon M. E. & R. E. Sir James Charles King, Esq., Grand King of the Grand Chapter and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The M. E. Sir Henry Whipple, Esq., H. P. W., had previously received the degree in Boston and was present at the conferring of the above and assisted in the same, and also in conferring the same upon the following companions: R. W. & E. Joseph George Sprague, Esq., and Companion George A. Ward.

The above companions then requested in writing the assistance of the Boston Council in convoking and establishing a Council in this place and agreed to meet at Mason's Hall at Franklin Place on Wednesday, the 3d of June next, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the reception of an answer, and to transact such business as may be offered for consideration.

Test: George A. Ward.

FIRST MEETING OF SALEM COUNCIL

MASONIC HALL, June 3, 1818, according to agreement the M. E. Sir Henry Whipple, Esq., and Companion George A. Ward assembled at 3 o'clock with the M. I. Sir Benjamin Gleason, who having signified the pleasure of Boston Council with regard to our forming a Council,

Resolved that our Council be styled the SALEM COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Balloted for the following companions, candidates, who were severally accepted and introduced and in due form received the degree of Royal Master:—R. W. Sir Thomas Cole, Past and P. W. C. E. Samuel Phelps, Esq., R. A. S., Companion John Albree Tyler (great grandfather of Companion Edward C. Albree, who is a member of all the Salem Masonic bodies); and R. W. & E. Companion John G. Sprague joined the Council.

The following officers were chosen by ballot and installed in due form by Most Ill. Sir Henry Gleason: M. E. & R. W. Sir James Charles King, M. I. M.; R. W. Sir Thomas Cole, I. M.; E. & R. W. Joseph G. Sprague, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, which I suppose represents the P. C. of W. of our day and the rest of the officers.

Adjourned at half past six to meet at this place at eight.

Assembled agreeable to vote of adjournment and were joined by M. W. Sir John Carlisle, Grand Master of Rhode Island, afterwards Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Voted that the thanks of this Council be presented in writing to the Companions of Boston Council for the ready and friendly assistance they have afforded in establishing this Council and for the disposition they have exhibited to

accede to our wishes and their kind expression of interest in our favor.

Our Most Illustrious Companion Gleason then communicated the several degrees which follow to M. W. Thomas Carlisle, M. E. H. Whipple, M. E. Thomas Cole, R. W. & E. Joseph G. Sprague, E. Samuel W. Phelps, Companion George A. Ward and Companion John Albree, Select Masters of the 27th and Knight of the Round Table and Super Excellent Master. Closed in due form.

Test: GEORGE A. WARD, *Recorder.*

No mention is made of J. G. King, receiving these degrees, probably an omission.

Also that the Royal degree was a pre-requisite and the others only honorary.

The visiting Masons were taken care of by the hospitality of the Salem brethren as there were no late trains to Boston in those days—the Eastern Railroad was not incorporated until 1836 and no trains ran until 1838. But possibly they took advantage of the night mail stage, which I very much doubt. The old records do not speak of any collation, but Salem Council would look out for that alright.

Next meeting was held at the same place, Mason's Hall, Wakefield Place, or rather Franklin Place, as it was called later.

We can imagine those old fellows sitting around that gloomy hall by the light of tallow candles and heated by an enormous fireplace at one end, for when it got real chilly they must have had to call from labor to refreshment for the Tyler to bring in some more wood.

SALEM COUNCIL OF ROYAL MASTERS—JUNE 29, 1818

Present:

M. E. James Charles King, M. I. M.
R. W. Thomas Cole, Ill. M.
R. W. Joseph G. Sprague, S. G. M.
Companion George A. Ward, Recorder.
E. Samuel Phelps, Master of Exchequer.
M. E. Whipple, M. of G.

Wm. Hathorne Bott, member of Washington Chapter and Essex Lodge, joined the Council.

NOTE

The ritual of the degrees worked in Boston Council were communicated to them by the officers of Columbian Council, of New York, organized 1807 (probably the oldest council in the U. S.) and afterwards extended to the officers of Salem Council. The early rituals which I have seen of them favor strongly the Scottish Rite.

Mackey says, speaking of the Knights of the Round Table: "I have seen the manuscript of a degree of this name written many years ago, which was in the possession of Brother C. W. Moore, of Boston. It was an honorary degree and referred, if I recollect aright, to the poetic legend of King Arthur and his Knights."

I can find no record of any regular meeting of Salem Council after the date of June 29, 1918, until the re-organization in 1867.

ORGANIZATIONS

1. Boston Council, July 20, 1817.
2. Springfield, May 28, 1818, by Charter of Jeremy L. Cross.
   (A peddler of Masonic degrees and a follower of Joseph Cerneau.)
   A copy of this charter is in the archives of the Grand Council.
3. Salem, June 3, 1818.
4. Hiram, Worcester, October 25, 1825.
5. Ahasueras, Lowell, July 6, 1826.
   Grand Council of Massachusetts June 15, 1826.

These are the first five councils organized previous to the Grand Council and shows that Salem Council is eight years older than the Grand body.

JAMES CHARLES KING

First M. I. M. of Salem Council

He was born in Salem, Mass., Sept. 4, 1785, son of James King. He was originally known as James King, Jr., but by act of the Legislature he changed his name to James Charles King so as not to conflict with his father, who was also James King, Jr., as there were three James Kings in the family.

By occupation he was bookkeeper at the Essex Savings Bank, then stiuated on Market Street, Salem, now Central Street, in the old Custom House building.

Companion King was married October 29, 1815, to Rebecca Kimball, of Salem. He was raised in Essex Lodge, Salem, August 4, 1807, and was elected Worshipful Master, May 15, 1811, and re-elected in 1812. He assisted at the funeral of Capt. James Lawrence (of "Don't-Give-Up-the-Ship" fame) and Lieutenant August C. Ludlow, officers of the U. S. Frigate Chesapeake, who were killed in the engagement between that vessel and the British Frigate Shannon, in Massachustts Bay. The funeral was held Monday, August 23, 1813, at the Rev. Mr. Spaulding's Meeting House. The eulogy was pronounced by the Hon. Judge Story.

Dec. 1, 1813, Wor. Brother King was again re-elected Wor. Master of Essex Lodge; also on Dec. 6, 1814. Upon the Feast of St. John, Dec. 27th, he delivered an address replete with Masonic and moral sentiments.

Dec. 5, 1815, Wor. Brother King declined to serve the Lodge longer as Master. His Masonic merits were shortly afterwards recognized by his appointment of D. D. G. M.

Dec. 3, 1816, he visited Essex Lodge in his official capacity and delivered an address which was received by the brethren with great satisfaction.

Dec. 27, 1816, he was appointed Chairman of a Committee to receive and introduce a number of distinguished guests, and also installed Bro. Thomas Cole as Worshipful Master, his first candidate in Salem Council, as it afterward appeared.

He was exalted in Washington, R. A. C., Sept. 2, 1811, and was High Priest during the years of 1812, 1813 and 1814. He received the Council degrees in Boston Council May 27, 1818, and Knighted in Boston Commandery, K. T., May 17, 1815. He was Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in 1816 and 1817, and Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1816.

Brother King was also quite a military man. He was elected captain of the Salem Light Infantry, March 27, 1810, and resigned in 1815, serving five years with credit and distinction. At Capt. King's resignation he received the high honor of being breveted major. He was an active man of his time and his memory is revered among all members of the Infantry. He was a moving spirit among the best people of Salem and celebrated for hospitality and benevolence.

I will relate one anecdote which is given in Whipple's history of the Salem Light Infantry. It is said that as the company, under King, was marching home from a campaign the men grew very tired and were complaining of the long march. Capt. King observed this and suddenly gave the order to halt. "Laugh by platoons!" It was irresistable. Platoons did laugh heartily and the march was resumed, every man good natured.

Capt. James Charles King died in Jamaica, L. I., New York, in 1831, at the age of 46 years.

The elegant uniform worn by Capt. King when he marched at the head of the Infantry hangs in the rear glass case on the right hand side of the Essex Institute Museum.

The candidates who joined Salem Council in 1818 are

Thomas Cole
Samuel W. Phelps
John Albree
Wm. Hathorne Bott
Benjamin Day
Joseph Shedd

HENRY WHIPPLE

HENRY WHIPPLE, second M. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Douglas, Mass., January 24, 1789. He was mar- Sept. 25, 1816, to Harriet King, sister of James Charles King, the first M. I. M. of Salem Council. They had ten children (of whom Capt. G. M. Whipple of Co. F, 23d Mass. Regiment of Civil War fame, was one). Henry Whipple was a bookseller and a publisher of note and sold maps, charts, etc. He published the first directory of Salem and continued it for several years. His store was in the Creamer Block on Essex Street, and probably remembered by some of the older members of the Council. This store was opened in 1810 and was continued by him until 1860, afterwards known as Whipple & Smith's Wall Paper Store. His son, Capt. Whipple, was connected with the business for several years.

Companion Whipple was lieutenant colonel of the Salem Artillery in 1819. It is a remarkable fact that many of

our Masonic leaders in those days were military men.

Companion Whipple was a member of the first Board of Aldermen in Salem, under the Charter of 1836. He was made a Master Mason in Essex Lodge, Salem, Oct. 1, 1811, and exalted in Washington, R. A. C., April 23, 1812.

He received the Council degrees in Boston Council in Boston, April 28, 1818. He was Knighted in Boston Commandery, January 22, 1814. He was elected Worshipful Master of Essex Lodge in 1819, serving three years and was made an honorary member in 1823.

He was High Priest of Washington Chapter in 1818 and 1819 and was also re-elected in 1831.

His first term of office in Salem Council as M. I. M. extened from 1819 to 1823, inclusive. During these years he had 36 candidates, viz:

Joseph Eveleth
Josiah B. Andrew
Josiah Flagg
Samuel Tucker
Jonathan Barrett
Amos Clarke
Abel Lawrence, Jr.
John Howard, Jr.
Walter R. Johnson
Rev. John Bartlett
Eleazer Hooper
John Traill
Jonathan Webb
Wm. Warwick Palfrey
John Simon
Putnam I. Farnham
Jesse Smith, Jr.
Temple Cutter
Joseph P. Creasy
Jesse Putnam
Joseph Hoyt
Clark Gayton Pickman
Levi Preston
Sylvester Proctor
Ebenezer Hubbard
Eben C. Stoddard
William Lummus
Timothy Bryant, Jr.
Franklin H. Story
Benjamin Mather
Nathaniel Leach Hooper
Rev. Barzillai Streeter
Rev. Thomas Carlile
Thomas Fuller
Samuel Simond
Isaac Story
Francis Peabody
William Gavett

Possibly some of the Companions will recognize grand-

fathers or even great grandfathers among the number.

At this point I shall have to leave the history of the Council under Whipple and take it up later, as we now come to the third M. I. Master of Salem Council, the Rev. and Right Worshipful Brother John Bartlett, of Marblehead.

1824

JOHN BARTLETT was born in Concord, Mass., May 22, 1784. From the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he was a clergyman with a residence in Cambridge. He was initiated in Amicable Lodge in Cambridge, Mass. He was Junior Warden of his lodge in 1808 and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1827 until 1829. He was a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, and Knighted in Boston Commandery, Dec. 21, 1808. He joined Salem Council, Nov. 12, 1821, and was M. I. M. of this Council in 1824. He must have taken the ineffable degrees somewhere, as parts of the rituals were found among his effects and certain correspondence which I have seen tend to strengthen my belief that this is so. I have in my possession "a scrap of paper" which must be a part of the old records and I have copied it into this history

for our enlightenment. It is in Brother Bartlett's handwriting.

"The Committee appointed to revise the laws of the Salem Council of Royal Masters has attended to that duty and ask leave respectfully to report that they have examined the code as it now stands and find no other alterations necessary than the few which they propose to suggest, viz:

Article 1. For the present title substitute: "This Council shall be called the Salem Consistency of Royal Select and Superexcellent Masters and shall regularly meet on the evening of the first Friday in January, April, July and October."

Art. 2, add: "and the first three officers thus chosen shall fill the stations which correspond to them in the higher degrees and bear the titles appropriate to those stations."

Art. 3. For "first Monday" read: "first regular meeting" in January.

Art. 7, add: "and for each of the other degrees shall be paid into the exchequer the sum of one dollar."

New article: "Not more than three of the degrees in the Consistency shall be conferred upon the same person in the same evening."

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee: J. BARTLETT,
THOS. COLE."

April 4, 1825, the above report was unanimously accepted in the Council.

On the outside is written for the purpose of filing and memoranda: "Report of committee on the revision of the by-laws, accepted April 5, 1825." It goes to prove that the rituals in those days were sadly mixed.

In 1826 he was sent to New York by the Grand Lodge to investigate the Morgan trouble.

From the Records of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead: April 2, 1821

A new force appeared in Masonry in Marblehead, the Rev. John Bartlett, minister of the Unitarian Church from 1811 to 1849. He was a man of influence not only in his church, but in the community. He was large hearted and of varied capacity, trusted by all who knew him, not only in spiritual, but in temporal affairs. He was a well-known Mason in his day, identified with the different orders of Masonry and of influence in the Grand Lodge.

Brother Bartlett now called the Masons of Marblehead around him and took measures to obtain the return of the Charter, secured a dispensation until the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge and began at once to set the affairs of Philanthropic Lodge in order.

In April, 1848, it was resolved that in consequence of his valuable services to the Lodge he was made an honorary member. Within a year Brother Bartlett died and was buried with Masonic honors. A large concourse of people attended the funeral, and Masons from Lynn, Salem, Danvers, Beverly and other places were present.

Brother Bartlett's services for Masonry had been continuous. He was an unfailing source of help to the brethren. If an address or installation or influence with the Grand Lodge were needed he could always be counted on to supply the service.

He was Master of Philanthropic Lodge five years and D. D. G. M. of the district in 1824 and 1825, and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1827 to 1829, and thereafter a permanent member of the Grand Lodge. He was a man of great influence and greatly beloved. At the time of his death Philanthropic Lodge adopted suitable and appropriate resolutions, of which I will quote the following extracts:

> "Resolved, that while we bow with humble submission to the sovereign decrees of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we regret the removal from us of our Most Excellent Brother John Bartlett as one of the calamitous events which the death of the great and good ever bring upon the circles to which they belong."

He was for many years a bright ornament and an active and useful member of the Masonic fraternity. He devoted the powers of his great intellect to the advancement of its interests. He attained to the highest degrees of the order and honored his position with a zeal accordingly.

He was truly a friend of the poor, his sympathies were ever with their sufferings and to the utmost extent of his ability he relieved their necessity. It may be truly said of him that he was the friend of all and the enemy of none. He was originally a Congregational minister, but afterwards adopted the Unitarian faith.

From the records of Essex Lodge, Rev. John Bartlett, D. D. G. M., installed the officers of Essex Lodge at the reorganization in 1845. Brother Jesse Smith, Master.

The hall in Chase Block was dedicated to Masonry in 1827 by Brother John Bartlett, of Marblehead, D. D. G. M.

Festival of St. John June 24, 1824.

Brother John Bartlett officiated as Chaplain for Essex Lodge.

Brother Bartlett entered Harvard College in 1801 and graduated in 1805.

He was Chaplain of the Boston almshouse for a while, after which he studied medecine, not for the mere practice of it, but to be able to relieve the sufferings of the poor.

He was one of the founders of the McLean Insane Asylum and during the embargo of the War of 1812 he

founded a society for the assistance and relief of the poor and needy.

He was one of the founders of the Humane Society of Marblehead, composed of the different religious denominations of that town, whose benefactions to the sick and needy have been extensively useful.

During the midst of his labors and affected possibly by the great number of marine disasters which visited Marblehead his health gave way and he sustained a shock from which he never recovered and in the bosom of a community where he had labored he sank to rest on the morning of Feb. 3, 1849, at the age of 65 years.

Brother Bartlett was married in 1811 to Rebecca Dubois, of Halifax, N. S., and raised a family of six children.

Truly he was a great and wonderful man. The Marblehead people always called him Parson Bartlett.

The candidates who joined Salem Council under M. I. M. Bartlett were:

Joseph Hodges, Essex Lodge, Salem
Abel Hersey, Essex Lodge, Salem
Peter E. Webster, Essex Lodge, Salem
Mark Kimball, Essex Lodge, Salem
Daniel Lancaster, St. Matthew Lodge, Andover
Francis E. Cannon
Increase Brown, Philanthropic Lodge
David Blaney, Philanthropic Lodge
Joseph W. Green, Philanthropic Lodge
Joseph Pitman Turner, Philanthropic Lodge

1825

AT the close of Brother Bartlett's term of office, which included only the year of 1824, he was succeeded by Henry Whipple, who had preceded him and was re-elected to preside over this Council. We know nothing of the organization except that Companion John Albree was Tyler, not only of the Council, but of Essex Lodge and Washington Chapter, for seventeen years, and Jesse Smith was Recorder.

Henry Whipple was M. I. M. of Salem Council until 1833, inclusive, having served the Council as Master for twelve years. It was during his administration that we were granted our glorious old Charter that we have kept unsullied for ninety-two years, and which has never been suspended.

Extracts from records of the Grand Council 1826, p. 7:

"Salem Council was organized June 3d, 1818, by consent and authority of Boston Council, from certain votes that appear in the records of Boston Council. Newburyport and Adoniram Council, of Medfield, were formed in the same way by similar authority."

Also later reports say at a roll call

"Boston Council of Boston,
Springfield of Springfield,
Salem of Salem,
Brimfield of Brimfield,
Princeton of Princeton,
Warren of Sheffield,
Washington of Greenwich,
Hiram of Sutton (now Worcester),
Adoniram of Medfield,

were in existence when the Grand Council was formed. Boston, Hiram, Salem and Springfield are alone left; the rest have long since laid aside the things that were and are not."

1826

ORGANIZATION of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Copied from the records of the Grand Council 1826:

"At a meeting of Salem Council held at Mason's Hall, Salem, April 7, 1826, a circular received from the Convention of Royal Masters held at Brimfield, Feb. 28, 1826, on the proposed formation of a Grand Council, it was unanimously voted that two delegates be chosen to represent Salem Council in the convention to be held in Boston June next. Henry Whipple and Joseph Hodges were chosen delegates. Attest: Jesse Smith, Recorder. The Grand Council was organized June 15, 1826."

The Charter of Salem Council is dated Dec. 13, 1826.

CHARTER

The Charter of Salem Council was the third to be signed after the organization of the Grand Council and during Col. Whipple's administration.

Copy of original Charter of Salem Council:

CITY OF BOSTON
NO. AMERICA

We, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, within and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do by these presents appoint and authorize and empower our worthy companions, composing the Council in Salem, and with such others as may hereafter join them to continue to open and hold a Council of Select Royal and Superexcellent Masters in the town of Salem, in the County of Essex, to be known and distinguished under the style of the Salem Council of Royal Masters, and to do and perform all such acts and things as thereunto belong, requiring them to conform in all their doings to the Grand Constitution and to pay annually all such dues to this Grand Council as are or may be required by its regulations, said Council to take rank from the date of its first establishment.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our names and caused the seal of the Grand Council to be affixed the 13th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

Christian Era of the World 5826 and of our illustrious order 2826, Abraham A. Dame, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

George Bliss, Jr. Rt. Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.

Edmund A. Raymond, Illustrious Grand Conductor; Thomas Payson, Grand Recorder.

The records of the Grand Council also say:

"That we legalize all acts that have been done previous to the issuing of these charters."

The records of Salem and other Councils were kept in those days in a very careless and slipshod manner, although Boston Council claims to have complete records from 1817.

The Grand Council records were kept no better. Extracts from the Grand Council records:

"Records of the Grand Council. From this date, Dec. 12, 1827, no records can be found. A few of the companions met from time to time, but on account of the intense excitement growing out of the Anti-Masonic movement, they did not deem it advisable to keep up the organization."

"The following endorsement on a paper containing records of 1827. The records from this time, 1827, to March, 1847 (just 20 years), are missing. The whole record of the proceedings of the Grand Council to the present time, 1847, having been kept on loose pieces of paper."

"Also lost the records from 1847 to 1853. It is hoped that they may yet be found. It is known that meetings were

held in some of the intermediate years and no doubt business of interest was transacted."

"From 1853 on, meetings were held regularly and the records are intact."

"On January 3, 1834, Salem Council voted that the thanks of this Council be presented to our brother Sir Henry Whipple, Past M. I. M., for his services for a period of more than twelve years, for his able and instructive manner of conferring the degrees, and in culcating the principles and precepts of our order and for his firm adherance to Masonry in general."

During Companion Whipple's administration in 1826, the Morgan episode had its beginning and continued its baneful influence for many years, even going so far as to become a political issue. Chapters, Lodges, and Councils surrendered their charters and many of them died and were buried in Masonic grave yards. Even their names are forgotten.

Salem Council is alive today, only through the efforts of those old Masonic heroes whose names now are only a memory. Henry Whipple lived to a good old age, 80 years. He died in Salem, Dec. 1, 1869, but he lived to see Salem Council reorganized in 1867.

The candidates accredited to Ill. Companion Whipple during the years of his second term of office were:

Jonathan Merrill of Essex Lodge,
Andrew Torr of Jordan Lodge,
Jesse Fillmore of Essex Lodge,
Benjamin Peirce of Liberty Lodge,
Joseph Barlow Felt of Dedham Lodge,
Jacob D. Edwards of Liberty Lodge,
Isaiah Hoyt of Liberty Lodge,
Francis G. Macomber of Liberty Lodge,
Abner Jones of Portsmouth Lodge,

David Roberts of Liberty Lodge,
Elijah Foster of Essex Lodge,
Seth Stetson of Essex Lodge,
Benjamin F. Browne of Essex Lodge,
Benj. H. Pitman, Bible Lodge, Goffstown, N. H.
Jewett Maxfield of Essex Lodge,
Samuel Dowst of Essex Lodge
and Samuel Bartlett Buttrick of Essex Lodge,

his last candidate, through whose work, intelligence and great love of Masonry, we, as a council, are alive today.

The masonic bodies of Salem, Essex Lodge, Washington R. A. C. and Salem Council, moved from Franklin Hall to Chase Block (so called), Washington Street, on the site of the Holyoke Building, in 1826 and remained there until 1847.

This ends the prehistoric account of Salem Council.

1834 to 1867

Samuel Bartlett Buttrick, the 5th M. I. G. M. of Salem Council, was born in Gorham, Me., Oct. 16, 1801. He was the son of Willard and Mary Bartlett Buttrick, sister of John Bartlett, the 3d M. I. G. M. of Salem Council. It is rather a singular fact, but the early history of this Council was a sort of family affair. Thus Henry Whipple, the 2d M. I. G. M. of Salem Council, married the sister of James Charles King, the first M. I. G. M. of the Council, and John Bartlett, the 3d M. I. G. M., was uncle of Samuel Bartlett Buttrick, the 5th M. I. G. M. of the Council.

Ill. Companion Buttrick was married Jan. 24, 1833, to Annie Ashby Merritt, sister of David Merritt, the veteran expressman. In Leavitt's *History of Essex Lodge* he is called a trader. He was afterwards a bookkeeper in the Commercial Bank of Salem. He was the first cashier of the Village Bank, Danvers, now the Danvers National Bank. He was secretary of Harmony Grove Cemetery Society for many years and also deacon of the First Unitarian Society, of Salem, in which he took a great interest.

In regard to his pleasures, he enjoyed the woods best and spent much of his time there gathering and studying plants and flowers. He was a quiet man, of mild, sweet disposition, and had hosts of friends.

Brother Buttrick joined Essex Lodge, Feb. 5, 1828, and was Worshipful Master in 1847; also Honorary Member, exalted in Washington R. A. Chapter, June 30, 1828, and was elected secretary, March 15, 1832. Washington Chapter was suspended from March 17, 1835, and Companion Buttrick was its last secretary holding over until its reinstatement Sept. 7, 1852, when he was elected High Priest. He was elected Honorary Member in 1855.

Companion Buttrick joined Salem Council, July 11, 1828, and was elected M. I. M. for the years of 1834, 1835 and 1836. January 1, 1836, proceedings of Salem Council were suspended and so continued until 1867, and then after some correspondence and several delays the Council was finally reorganized and officers elected.

During the time of suspension from 1836 to 1867, Ill. Companion Buttrick took charge of the Charter and other property of the Council and held them in safe keeping. All that we know about the early history of Salem Council has been handed down to us by Ill. Companion Buttrick, either by word of mouth or kept as memoranda on slips of paper, most of which are now lost.

The candidates in 1834 were

John William Pepper, Essex Lodge
Nathaniel Pitman, Essex Lodge

We have preserved in the archives of Salem Council fifty-five of the original applications from 1818 until 1834, inclusive. A brief sketch of a few of these men is as follows:

Dr. Joseph Shed, of Danvers, was a physician of the old school. He kept an apothecary shop in South Danvers, now Peabody; the building is still standing on Main St., where the Meacom apothecary store is situated. It is said that Jordan Lodge for several years held their meetings in his attic. Dr. Shed was a Past Master of said lodge and a man of much importance in town affairs. He was born in 1782 and died in 1853.

Thomas Cole was born in Boston in 1779 and died in 1852. He was a graduate of Harvard College, a teacher by

profession and a scholar of great attainments. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and secretary of the Society of Arts and Science, and had a high reputation as a citizen. He was Master of Essex Lodge in 1816, 1817, 1818 and 1819.

GEORGE A. WARD was born in 1793. He was a merchant, secretary of Essex Lodge in 1816 and 1817, and was also secretary of Washington Chapter for many years. He was the First Recorder of Salem Council.

JOSEPH SPRAGUE was cashier of Danvers Savings Bank for six years, and cashier of Naumkeag Bank of Salem, for twenty years. He was president of the Salem City Council in 1845 and also in 1846 and 1847. He was Master of Jordan Lodge in 1815, 1817 and 1818, and D. D. G. M., in 1823 and 1824. He was High Priest of Washington Chapter in 1820, 1827 and 1832, and held that office until 1852. He joined the Salem Council on May 27, 1818.

JOHN ALBREE was born in Medfield in 1757 and died in 1842. He was Tyler of all the Masonic bodies for almost eighteen years.

JOSEPH ELEVETH was born in Ipswich in 1756 and died in 1847. He was a blacksmith during the Revolutionary War. He was treasurer of Essex Lodge for twenty-nine years.

WILLIAM GAVETT was a wood carver.

BENJAMIN DAY was a stonecutter and also major of militia.

SAMUEL TUCKER was Master Mariner.

JESSE SMITH was a watchmaker. He was Master of Essex Lodge in 1823, 1845 and 1846.

JOHN HOWARD was a shipmaster, captain of militia.

ABEL LAWRENCE was a bookseller and also at one time was inspector of customs of Salem.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWNE was born in 1793. He was founder of the Price drug store in Salem. He was surgeon on the armed ship Alfred in the War of 1812. He was taken prisoner by the British and spent some time in Dartmoor Prison, England. He wrote a book on the subject. He was commander of the Salem Cadets and was Master of Essex Lodge in 1824, 1825, 1826 and 1827. He was High Priest of Washington Chapter in 1827, 1828 and 1829, also 1830. He presented the chair (which for so many years has been ably filled by the presiding officers of the Masonic bodies of Salem) to Essex Lodge, in 1832. It is now used in the Prelates Room. Companion Browne joined Salem Council in 1827.

JONATHAN WEBB was born in 1795 and died in 1832. He was a druggist of note; also colonel of Massachusetts militia.

THOMAS CARLILE was rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem, from 1817 to 1822. He died in Providence in 1824.

MARK KIMBALL, painter, came to Salem in 1824.

BARZILLAI STREETER was minister at the First Universalist Church, Salem, from 1820 to 1824.

ABEL LAWRENCE was a distiller. He was captain of Salem Cadets and Master of Essex Lodge in 1804.

JONATHAN BARNETT was a member of Jordan Lodge. He was a school teacher and musician. He was also a member of the Danvers Light Infantry.

JESSE PUTNAM was colonel of Danvers Light Infantry.

REV. EBENEZER HUBBARD was a Calvinist minister at Ipswich.

NATHANIEL PUTNAM was Master of Essex Lodge in 1852.

LODGE ROOMS

Masonic bodies of Salem moved from the Chase Block back to the Franklin Building in 1847. In 1855 they moved to the Asiatic Building on Washington Street. In 1865 they fitted up and rented apartments in the Downing Block, Essex Street, which were considered in those days almost palatial. The fraternity remained here for twenty years, removing to the Kinsman Block, Washington Street, in 1885.

GRAND COUNCIL RECORDS

"At a roll call of the Grand Council in 1853, Salem, King Solomon, Brimfield, Adoniram and Princeton Councils are believed to be drooping as no returns have been received since 1847."

1836

Thus ends the second epoch of Salem Council.

1866

Extacts from the records of Salem Council May 11, 1866:

"After more than thirty years of inactivity of this Council, although its acts had been approved by the Grand Council, as having been done in accordance with the spirit, though not according to the (letter and authority) given me by the M. P. G. Master E. B. Moore, in March, 1860, to re-organize and proceed to work, an order was given to Gen. Wm. Sutton to assemble the members of this Council and other companions who have taken the degrees and for them to nominate a list of officers to be chosen at a meeting to be called for the purpose of reorganization, at which the M. P. G. Master will be present to install the officers.

"A meeting was called, agreeably to said order, and held on the 11th day of May 1866, at Masonic Hall, Downing Building, and the following companions were present, viz: of this Council—

Henry Whipple
Benjamin F. Browne
Mark Kimball
Samuel Buttrick

Companions who had taken the degree elsewhere—

Wm. Sutton
George H. Pierson
Henry E. Jocelyn
Thomas Hunt
Wm. L. Batchelder

Nine in all.

"Companion Sutton was chosen Chairman and S. B. Buttrick, Secretary.

"The Grand Master's order to Companion Sutton was read and the object of the meeting stated. The following companions were unanimously nominated for officers of Salem Council of Royal Masters, viz:

Companion Geo. H. Pierson, M. I. Grand Master
" James Kimball, R. I. G. M.
" Mark Kimball, I. G. M. of the W.
" Thomas Hunt, Master of Exchequer
" Samuel B. Buttrick, Recorder
" Charles H. Norris, Capt. of the Guard
" Henry E. Jocelyn, C. of the Council

"The meeting was then adjourned till called together by Companion George E. Pierson.

"Attest: SAMUEL BUTTRICK, *Recorder pro tem.*"

Special convention, Friday, August 3, 1866.

Committee appointed to draft a code of by-laws, application from Companion Wm. Archer, Secretary of Washington Chapter, adjourned to the call of Companion Geo. H. Pierson.

Attest: SAMUEL BUTTRICK, *Recorder pro tem.*

JULY 11, 1867

SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Present

Companion Geo. H. Pierson, in the chair
" James Kimball
" Wm. L. Batchelder
" Chas. H. Norris
" Geo. Tapley
" Henry A. Browne
" I. P. Pope
" Thomas Hunt
" C. D. McDuffee
" S. B. Buttrick

No meeting having been called for nearly a year, it was deemed expedient to attempt once more by inviting members of the degrees of R. S. & S. Ex-Masters in the vicinity to reorganize Salem Council.

Voted Companions Wm. L. Batchelder, H. A. Browne. George Tapley to be a committee to nominate officers.

Voted to notify a meeting on Tuesday the 16th instant.

Attest: S. B. BUTTRICK, *Recorder pro tem.*

SALEM COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZED

Tuesday, July 16, 1867, special convocation for business.

Present:

James Kimball, in the chair
Geo. Tapley
C. H. Norris
T. J. Hutchinson
Dana Z. Smith
Mark Kimball
C. D. McDuffee
Ira P. Pope
S. B. Buttrick

The committee on nomination of officers reported and the following companions were elected::

M. I. G. M. Chas. D. McDuffee
R. I. G. M. Chas H. Norris
I. G. M. of W. Gilbert F. Tapley
Chaplain James Kimball
Master of Exchequer Henry A. Browne
C. of G. George Tapley
C. of Council J. Q. A. Batchelder
Sentinel Ira A. Pope
Tyler Wm. L. Batchelder

The committee reported a code of by-laws which were accepted and the by-laws adopted. A committee was appointed consisting of:

Companion McDuffee
" Geo. A. Tapley
" Wm. Sutton

to make necessary arrangements for work and applications for the degrees were received from

Companion Franklin Bly
" William Wells
" Richard Hood

Council closed till called together by the M. I. G. M. Elect; number of members present 23.

Attest: S. B. BUTTRICK, *Recorder pro tem.*

This is the last we have officially recorded of Ill. Companion Buttrick, although he continued to visit the meetings of the Council until the day of his death, which occurred in 1887, on Nov. 12th. He died of old age at the age of 87 years and 27 days.

On October 14, 1867, a regular convocation of the Council was held, at which time the Council was ready for work, officers of Boston Council having been invited to confer the degrees. The degree of Select Master, which at that time was the first degree of the Council, was conferred upon ten candidates, viz:

Samuel W. Fairfield
Wm. B. Phillips
Wm. Reith, Jr.
Geo. W. S. Rollins
John R. Smith
Wm. Archer
J. Franklin Bly
Richard B. Hood
Wm. Wells
Parker Wells

The Most Puissant Grand Master, William P. Anderson, then installed the officers elected at the meeting of July 16.

The Council was now in complete order to work and held their meetings regularly and met with a great deal of success, having a large number of candidates (for those days).

This was soon after the closing of the Civil War and Masonry all over the country received new impetus.

December 9, 1867, Rt. Worshipful Grand Master Wm. P. Anderson and G. M. Wm. Sutton, were made Honorary Members of Salem Council.

ORGANIZATION—1868

Charles D. McDuffee, M. I. G. M.
Charles H. Norris, R. I. G. M.
Gilbert A. Tapley, I. G. M. of W.
Mark Kimball, M. C.
T. J. Hutchinson, M. of Ex.
H. A. Browne, Recorder
George Tapley, C. of G.
J. Q. A. Batchelder, C. of C.
Ira P. Pope, Sentinel
W. L. Batchelder, Tyler
Number of members, twenty-three.

CHARLES DENNETT MCDUFFEE, the 6th M. I. M. of Salem Council, and the first under its reconstruction, was made a Master Mason in Starr King Lodge, May 24, 1865, in the first class of candidates in said lodge, after its formation. He was exalted in Washington, Royal Arch Chapter, Feb. 8, 1866. He received the Cryptic degrees in Ahasueras Council of Lowell, as did several at that time to assist in reforming Salem Council. He was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Sept. 19, 1867, demitted March 16, 1872. He died in 1902. I will quote extracts from an obituary notice published in the *Cotten Reporter*, July 10, 1902, furnished me by his son, Frederick C. McDuffee:

"Chas. Dennet McDuffee, agentof the Manchester Mills, Manchester, N. H., died Saturday night after a brief illness. He was born in Manchester, N. H., March 4, 1829. After receiving a common school education he entered the mills at Lowell when 20 years of age; after working there for two years he went to California in the year 1852. He was there during the gold excitement and remained for about a year, coming to Salem, and entered the employ of the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Mills as overseer, a position he held until 1868. He left Salem during that year and

went to Taunton as Superintendent of the Whittington Manufacturing Co., remaining there until 1875. On March 1st, of the latter year, he went to Lawrence as agent of the Everett Mills, which position he held until October 1, 1880, when he moved to Manchester, N. H. Mr. McDuffee was an untiring, clear-sighted, aggressive man of business, loyal to his friends and beloved by his mill operatives, and a man of great integrity. He was married Nov. 30, 1850, to Laura B. Durgin, of Lowell, and had two sons, one of whom, Frederick C. McDuffee, is the present treasurer of the Everett Mills, and York Manufacturing Co. He belonged to several clubs, was a delegate for the nomination of James G. Blaine in 1888. He was also commissioner to the World's Fair in 1892."

He was a personal and life long friend of Charles H. Norris.

Jan. 13, 1868, it was voted the thanks of this Council are due to Companion S. B. Buttrick for the interest he has manifested and his zeal in holding the Charter for nearly forty years.

Jan. 26, 1868, Henry Elkins Jocelyn died. He was a Charter Member of Starr King Lodge and Winslow Lewis Commandery and was originally a member of Boston Council.

May 11, 1868, resolutions on the donation from Starr King Lodge, and Washington Chapter for the use of regalia.

Oct. 12, 1868, Charles H. Norris in the chair. G. M. Sutton presented the Council with a set of jewels and a baton. First official visitation on record to Salem Council was made on this occasion by the M. P. G. M. Chas. E. Powers and suite. Ill. Companion McDuffee resigned as M. I. G. M. on account of leaving the city, Chas. H. Norris filling out his unexpired term.

1869
ORGANIZATION

Chas. H. Norris, M. I. G. M.
George Tapley, R. I. G. M.
Gilbert A. Tapley, I. G. M. of W.
Samuel W. Fairfield, M. C.
Thomas J. Hutchinson, M. of E.
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John R. Smith, C. of G.
J. Q. A. Batchelder, C. of C.
B. F. Browne, Chaplain
D. J. Preston, Sentinel
Wm. L. Batchelder, Tyler
Number of members 37.

CHAS. H. NORRIS, 7th M. I. G. M. of Salem Council was born in Salem, Mass., April 26, 1826. He was educated in the public schools and for 20 years kept a clothing store on Essex Street, the latter part of his life being devoted to real estate and Masonry. He was also something of a poet and was great for after dinner speeches, written in rhyme. Chas. H. Norris was made a Master Mason in Essex Lodge, Oct. 4, 1864, and was Worshipful Master in 1869 and 1870. He was D. D. G. M. in 1885 and 1886 for this district.

He was elected Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, Dec. 11, 1889. He received the Capitular degrees in Washington, R. A. C., in 1865 and was elected High Priest for 1867 and 1868.

Oct. 13, 1868, he was elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, serving one year. He received the Cryptic degrees in Ahasueras Council, Lowell, in 1866, taking membership in Salem Council at its reconstruction in 1867. The records of the Grand Council say that Companion Norris

was the most important member of the committee and through his persistence and hard work Salem Council recovered from its dormant state.

He was eelcted M. P. G. Master of the Grand Council for the years of 1871, 1872 and 1873.

He was a member of the first class of candidates in Winslow Lewis Commandery, February 27, 1865. He received the orders of Knighthood, during that year. He was the first Warder serving three years, 1865, 1866 and 1867. He was Junior Warden in 1868 and 1869.

He was a member also of the Salem City Council, for the years of 1860, 1861 and 1862. He died August 31, 1902, an honest man, a fervent Mason and beloved by all who knew him.

During 1869 quite a number of candidates from Lynn joined the Council.

1870
ORGANIZATION

Chas H. Norris, M. I. G. M.
George Tapley, R. I. G. M.
Gilbert A. Tapley, I. C. M. of W.
E. A. Daniels, M. C.
John W. Roberts, M. of E.
David Roberts, Recorder
John R. Smith, C. of C.
Mark Kimball, Chaplain
Daniel J. Preston, Sentinel
W. L. Batchelder, Tyler

Number of members, 71.

Dec. 19, 1870, Chas. H. Norris resigned in favor of George Tapley as M. I. G. M. of Salem Council, Ill. Companion Norris having been elected M. P. G. M. of the Grand Council at the annual meeting in Boston, Dec. 14.

1871
ORGANIZATION

George Tapley, M. I. M.
J. Q. A. Batchelder, R. I. M.
Richard Brainerd Hood, I. M. of W.
Henry Clay Torr, M. D.
John Wayland Roberts, M. of Ex.
David Roberts, Recorder
John Rounds Smith, C. of G.
Edward Augustus Daniels, C. of C.
George Jedediah Sanger, Chaplain
Daniel Johnson Preston, Sentinel
William Little Batchelder, Tyler

January 16, 1871, it was resolved that the thanks of

Salem Council be tendered to Past M. I. M. Chas. Henry Norris and that the present acting M. I. M. George Tapley, be authorized to procure and present some suitable testimonial in behalf of the Council and in recognition of the many valuable services rendered by Companion Norris in past years to this Council. At a subsequent convocation, a splendid jewel was duly and appropriately presented by M. I. M. Tapley, agreeably to the foregoing resolve.

By a ruling of the Grand Council, Dec. 14, 1870, the word Grand as a prefix to title, was omitted in the subordinate councils.

On June 27, 1871, Past M. I. M. McDuffee demitted.

GEORGE TAPLEY, 8th M. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Danvers, Mass., in February, 1820. He was a shoemaker by occupation and agent for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and worked on his father's farm during his boyhood days. He afterwards conducted a country store in Tapleyville. He was Justice of the Peace for over fifty years and one of the original committee when South Danvers, now Peabody, was set off in 1855.

He was raised in Jordan Lodge in 1857; W. Master in 1859, 1860 and 1861, and Honorary Member in 1892. He demitted in 1864.

He was first Master of Amity Lodge, Danvers (also Charter Member), in 1863, serving two years. He was Charter Member of Mosaic Lodge, Danvers, and the first Worshipful Master, serving in 1871 and 1872. He was Chaplain from 1878 to 1896, inclusive. Exalted in Washington, R. A. C., in 1864; Ex-Scribe in 1867 and 1868; de-

mitted in 1872. Charter Member of Holten Chaper, Danvers, first Ex-King, High Priest in 1874 and 1875. Chaplain from 1885 to 1892, inclusive. Received the Cryptic Degree in 1866. Was one of the twenty-three that reorganized Salem Council in 1867 and was M. I. M. from 1871 to 1875, inclusive. He was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, in 1865. Sword Bearer from 1865 to 1872. Received the 32d Degree A. & A. S. Rite, in Boston Consistory in 1867. He died August 26, 1901.

Oct. 24, 1871, George Tapley took account of stock, as follows: 1 scarlet robe, 1 crown, 12 jewels of gold, 3 ebony gavels, 1 silver trowel, 1 triangular plate, 8 pillars, ½ interest in arch, 1 snare drum, 1 pair cimbals, 1 purple curtain for arch, 8 steel trowels, 8 soapstone bricks (not to be thrown about), 1 iron chain, 8 silk banners, 1 ebony and gold baton (lost by J. C. M.), 1 trunk, 1 press seal, 2 brass instruments, 1 bass drum. Interest in crockery $10.00.

Oct. 24, 1871, resolutions on the death of Mark Kimball, oldest member of the Council at that time. Joined Salem Council April 6, 1824, making him a member for forty-seven years.

1872
ORGANIZATION

George Tapley, M. I. M.
J. Q. A. Batchelder, R. I. M.
Henry Clay Torr, I. M. of W.
Daniel J. Preston, Sentinel
John W. Roberts, M. of Ex.
David Roberts, Recorder
Charles E. Getchell, C. of C.
Wm. A. Tuttle, C. of G.
C. G. Sanger, Chaplain
E. A. Daniels, Tyler

October, 1872, changed the by-laws so that the Council met on the second Monday instead of the fourth Tuesday.

1873
ORGANIZATION

George Tapley, M. I. M.
J. Q. A. Batchelder, R. I. M.
Daniel J. Preston, I. M. of W.
John P. Hamlin, M. of C.
John W. Roberts, M. of Ex.
Wm. A. Tuttle, Recorder
John R. Smith, C. of G.
Chas. E. Getchel, C. of C.
John Hopkins, Sentinel
Edward A. Daniels, Tyler

No meetings were held for one year.

December 8, 1873, Ark of the Covenant was presented by Companion Charles E. Getchel.

1874

ORGANIZATION

AUTHORIZED BY DISPENSATION

George Tapley, T. I. M.
J. Q. A. Batchelder, D. M.
Daniel J. Preston, P. C. of W.
John W. Roberts, Recorder
John R. Smith, C. of G.
James B. Stimson, Sentinel
John P. Hamlin, M. of C.
Edward P. Daniels, Tyler

1875

Dark days of Salem Council and of course no election of officers. Same officers held over. No meetings of Salem Council held from March 9, 1874, until April 24, 1876. At this meeting, held on the latter date, it was voted to find out how the Council stood financially and nominate a new board of officers; also voted all dues remitted for the time the Council has been suspended, virtually two years.

1876

May 8th, the treasurer reported that the Council owed $174.59, and not a cent to pay it with. The hall committee agreed to let the Council use the lodge room whenever they had work (provided it did not interfere with the other Masonic bodies) for $8.00 an evening. I think that George Tapley and William Sutton went 50-50 on the Council debt. Tapley was reimbursed by the Council later. No election for this year; the same officers held over. Henry A. Browne was elected Recorder until the next annual meeting.

1877

ORGANIZATION

Henry A. Browne, T. I. M.
Perez L. Winchester, Jr., D. M.
Daniel J. Preston, P. C. of W.
John W. Roberts, Treasurer
Samuel C. Weston, Recorder
John R. Smith, C. of G.
Daniel P. Grosvenor, Jr., C. of C.
Edward A. Daniels, Steward
William L. Batchelder, Tyler

HENRY A. BROWNE, 9th T. I. M. of Salem Council. He was born in Salem in 1825 and died in Salem Feb. 26, 1889. His business was fire insurance and he had an office on Essex Street for many years.

MASONIC CAREER

He was raised in Essex Lodge, Aug. 3, 1858; Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1863 and 1864. Joined Starr King Lodge on May 24, 1865; was Worshipful Master of the latter lodge in 1873, 1874 and 1875. He was exalted in Washington R. A. C., May 3, 1860. He received the Cryptic degrees in Boston Council in 1858 and was one of the original members of Salem Council in the reorganization of 1867.

He was elected T. I. M. of Salem Council for the years of 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879. He was Charter Member of Winslow Commandery, serving that body as Em. Commander in 1881. He was made S. P. of the Royal Secret in Massachusetts, Sov. Consistory, in 1863. He was T. P. G. Master of Sutton Lodge of Perfection from 1883 to 1888. As a man, his marked characteristics were sterling

integrity, faithful application to business, steadfast attention to duties and an ardent desire for the faithful performance of every promise that he made.

Feb. 12, 1877, the Royal Degree was worked first instead of the Select.

May 14, 1877, changed the names of the officers from the old style to the new; also changed the date of the assemblies from the fourth Tuesday to the second Monday.

Aug. 29, 1877, death of Joseph Swasey, age 54 years, in a railway accident.

1878

ORGANIZATION

Henry A. Browne, T. I. M.
Daniel J. Preston, D. M.
Thomas J. Hutchinson, P. C. of W.
John W. Roberts, Treasurer
Samuel C. Weston, Recorder
John R. Smith, C. of G.
William H. Kendall, C. of C.
Charles F. Lendholm, Marshall
Edward A. Daniels, Steward
William L. Batchelder, Sentinel

1879

ORGANIZATION

Henry A. Browne, T. I. M.
Samuel H. Almy, D. M.
John R. Smith, P. C. of W.
John W. Roberts, Treasurer
Samuel C. Weston, Recorder
J. Albert Blake, C. of G.
A. Frank Welch, C. of C.
E. A. Daniels, Steward
W. L. Batchelder, Sentinel

May 12, 1879, voted to appear in procession, celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Essex Lodge, on St. John's Day, June 24th.

Salem Council was represented in the procession by T. I. M., H. A. Browne, D. M., S. H. Almy, P. C. of W., John R. Smith, and the rest of the officers, making twelve in all.

1880

ORGANIZATION

Henry A. Browne, T. I. M.
Samuel H. Almy, D. M.
J. R. Smith, P. C. of W.
W. H. Kendall, Treasurer.
Samuel C. Weston, Recorder
J. Albert Blake, C. of G.
A. Frank Welch, C. of C.
E. A. Daniels, Steward
William L. Batchelder, Sentinel

Jan. 12, 1880, the records say, it being a stormy night there were only a few present and no business to be transacted, the Council closed without form.

1881
ORGANIZATION

Samuel H. Almy, T. I. M.
John R. Smith, D. M.
J. Albert Blake, P. C. of W.
William H. Kendall, Treasurer
Samuel C. Weston, Recorder
A. F. Welch, C. of G.
E. A. Daniels, C. of C.
William H. Hall, Steward
William L. Batchelder, Sentinel

SAMUEL HOLDER ALMY, 10th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Newport, R. I., April 13, 1812. He was educated at Friend's School, Providence. He belonged to one of the oldest Quaker families in America and was a direct descendant of William Almy, who came to this country in 1629 with Gov. Winthrop on the Schooner Abigail. He was married to Julia E. Hathaway, of Adams, Mass., in 1831.

His business was the manufacture of woolen cloths and he was connected with some of the largest mills in Berkshire County. His last position was superintendent of the L. Pomeroy's Sons Mills in Pittsfield, Mass., which position he held for fifteen years.

He moved to Salem in 1873. He received Masonic light in Berkshire Lodge, of Adams, in 1858, and was one of the first class of candidates. He was Senior Deacon for many years and filled all the other offices except Master. When he moved to Pittsfield he affiliated with Mystic Lodge of that city.

He was a member of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield, and was High Priest for two years. He was also a member of

Berkshire Commandery, in which he held various offices the highest of which was Capt. General, refusing the office of Em. Commander, taking that of Prelate instead. In his day and generation he was considered the best informed Chapter Mason in Berkshire County. After coming to Salem the Masons of North Adams sent for him to help constitute Composite Chapter and also presented him with a Past H. P. jewel as a reward for his services.

He was an Honorary Member of Winslow Lewis Commandery and held the office of Prelate for four years, and was Sentinel in 1883 and 1885. He was also Honorary Member of Essex Lodge and Washington Chapter and was Chaplain of both bodies until the time of his death, which occurred in 1885.

He joined Salem Council April 8, 1878. He received the ineffable degrees in Sutton Lodge of Perfection, in Salem, and was Grand Orator from 1878 to 1885. Brother Almy and wife were married in the old Quaker Meeting House in Adams, which was built in 1783, and still remains standing, and has been chosen as the town seal. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1881 in the old Quaker style. Brother Almy was very democratic and never liked to be called Mr., especially by a brother Mason. He was usually known about town as Uncle Sam.

General George H. Pierson who was nominated first T. I. M., at the meeting in 1866 and never served, died Feb. 8, 1881, aged 65 years.

1882
ORGANIZATION

A. Frank Welch, T. I. M.
J. Albert Blake, D. M.
W. H. Hall, P. C. of W.
W. A. Kendall, Treasurer
S. C. Weston, Recorder
S. H. Almy, Chaplain
E. A. Daniels, C. of G.
Charles H. Gwinn, C. of C.
D. J. Preston, Marshall
William Kell, Steward
William L. Batchelder, Sentinel

ALBION FRANKLIN WELCH, 11th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Danvers, Mass., Feb. 25, 1851. He received his education in the public schools of that town, graduating from the High School in 1868, after which he had a position for a time in the First National Bank, of Danvers. In 1889, he was appointed treasurer of the Danvers Savings Bank, was town treasurer from 1882 to 1887, inclusive; he was also town auditor.

MASONIC CAREER

He was raised in Amity Lodge, Danvers, May 29, 1874, Worshipful Master in 1879 and 1880; Secertary in 1883 and 1884, 1889 and 1890; D. D. G. M. in 1883 and 1884. He was exalted in Holten R. A. C., April 11, 1876; High Priest in 1882 and 1883; Secretary from 1886 until the time of his death.

He joined Salem Council April 8, 1878. He was T. I. M. in 1882 and 1883; Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery Oct. 19, 1876, Em. Commander 1886 and 1887;

also Honorary Member; Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery in 1895. He received the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory in 1877. He was Most Wise and P. Master of Mt. Olivet Chapter, Rose Croix, from 1893 to 1896. He was also Ill. Potentate of Aleppo Temple N. of M. S., for three years. He was crowned Hon. 33d degree in the Supreme Council A. & A. S. Rite, September, 1895. He died Sept. 9, 1902.

I liked Frank Welch. He had a peculiar, pleasant voice, which once heard could never be forgotten. He was always cordial in his manner and at the time of his death he was sincerely mourned and greatly missed long afterwards by his many friends.

Requiescat in Pace.

1883
ORGANIZATION

A. Frank Welch, T. I. M.
J. Albert Blake, D. M.
W. H. Hall, P. C. of W.
W. H. Kendall, Treasurer
S. C. Weston, Recorder
E. A. Daniels, C. of G.
C. H. Gwinn, C. of C.
Wm. Kell, Steward
William L. Batchelder, Sentinel

1884
ORGANIZATION

J. Albert Blake, T. I. M.
Wm. H. Hall, D. M.
Oliver D. Way, P. C. of W.
Wm. H. Kendall, Treasurer
Thomas J. Hutchinson, Recorder
G. W. Mansfield, C. of G.
George R. Jewett, C. of C.
H. A. Browne, Chaplain
E. A. Daniels, Steward
S. C. Weston, Sentinel

Jan. 14, 1884, William L. Batchelder demitted. He served as Sentinel since the reorganization in 1867, a period of seventeen years.

Along about this time affairs were very dull in the Council, with little or no work, sometimes not having sufficient members to open a meeting.

JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, 12th T. I. M. of Salem Council, the noblest Roman of them all, the grand old man and most celebrated Mason in Massachusetts today, with more titles than the King of England, was born in the town of Danvers, April 15, 1843. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. Early in life he learned the manufacturing of shoes and for many years carried on a successful business, under the firm name of J. A. Blake & Co. His factory was in Haverhill with an office in Boston. He now resides in Malden.

WAR HISTORY

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy, July 13, 1863, served

on the Frigate Wabash and New Ironsides in the South Atlantic Squadron, off Charleston, S. C. He participated in the bombardment of the forts in Charleston harbor. He was discharged July 13, 1864. He was a member of Post 90, G. A. R., Commander in 1880, Noble Grand of Danvers Lodge of Odd Fellows in 1876.

MASONIC CAREER

He was raised in Amity Lodge, Danvers, July 13, 1866; Secretary in 1885, Worshipful Master in 1877 and 1878. He served on the hall committee several years. He was president of the P. M. Association, 8th district, 1889. D. D. G. M. 8th district 1889, 1890 and 1891. M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1906, 1907 and 1908. He was exalted in Holten Chapter, Danvers, Oct. 14, 1872. He was also High Priest in 1881; D. D. G. H. P. in 1882, 1883 and 1884; G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1891, 1892 and 1893. Received the Cryptic degrees in Salem Council, April 8, 1878. T. I. M. in 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1887. M. I. G. M. of the Grand Council of Massachusetts in 1894, 1895 and 1896. Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Oct. 11, 1876. Em. Commander in 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885; also Honorary Member. Grand Commander of the G. C. of Massachusetts and R. I. in 1910. He was a member of the executive committee and chairman on hall decorations of the 26th Triennial Conclave held in Boston in August, 1895. He received the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory in 1877.

He was Second Lieut. Com. in 1895, 1896, and 1897 and First Lieut. Com. in Massachusetts Council of Deliberation in 1894 and 1895. T. P. G. M. of Merrimac Valley Lodge of Perfection in 1895. Crowned 33d degree Oct. 18, 1900.

Most Puissant Ill. Grand Master of the Genl. Grand Council of the U. S. A. from 1912 to 1915 and G. M. Grand

Principal Sojourner of the Genl. Grand Chapter of the U. S. A. in 1917 and 1918. He is the oldest Past T. I. M. of Salem Council and our most distinguished Mason, and one whom we all delight to honor. He was made an Honorary Member during the term of our lamented Past T. I. M., Arthur T. Way.

He is also superintendent of the Masonic Home in Charlemont, through whose influence, untiring energy and perseverance that ideal haven for aged and indigent Masons was made possible. It was during his term of office as Grand Master that this home was established.

He is an Honorary Member of Amity Lodge, Danvers, Holten Chapter, Danvers, Salem Council, Salem, Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Merrimac Valley Lodge of Perfection, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Chapter of Massachusets, the Grand Council of Massachusetts, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the Genl. Grand Council of the U. S. A.

He is the only man in Massachusetts now living who has been at the head of all the Grand bodies. In 1917 he was elected president of the Past Grand Commanders Association of New England.

1885
ORGANIZATION

J. Albert Blake, T. I. M.
Wm. H. Hall, D. M.
Oliver D. Way, P. C. of W.
Wm. H. Kendall, Treasurer
Charles H. Gwinn, Recorder
G. W. Mansfield, C. of G.
George R. Jewett, C. of C.
Samuel C. Weston, Sentinel

1886
ORGANIZATION

J. Albert Blake, T. I. M.
W. H. Hall, D. M.
O. D. Way, P. C. of W.
W. H. Kendall, Treasurer
C. H. Gwinn, Recorder
G. W. Mansfield, C. of G.
G. R. Jewett, C. of C.
Wm. Kell, Steward
S. C. Weston, Sentinel

Feb. 8, 1886, public installation and ladies' night—officers installed by Seranus Bowen.

Changed the time of meetings from second Monday to fourth Friday. April 23, 1886, William H. Hall benevolent fund started. June 24, 1886 celebrated St. John's Day by an excursion to the White Mountains.

1887
ORGANIZATION

J. Albert Blake, T. I. M.
Oliver D. Way, D. M.
George W. Mansfield, P. C. of W.
W. H. Kendall, Treasurer
Charles H. Gwinn, Recorder
D. A. Massey, C. of G.
J. P. Peabody, C. of C.
Rev. Fielder Israel, Chaplain
Oliver D. Roberts, Marshal
Wm. Kell, Steward
Samuel C. Weston, Sentinel

Feb. 25, 1887, Rev. Fielder Israel elected Honorary Member.

April 23, 1887, announcement of the death of Daniel J. Preston, which occurred Dec. 24, 1886, aged 69 years, 10 months, 11 days.

Nov. 25, 1887, amendment to the by-laws. Assemblies changed to the fourth Wednesday of each month, that being permanent. Visitation of Seranus Bowen, M. I. G. M., and speeches by Alfred Chapman, George B. Loring, and others.

1888

ORGANIZATION

Oliver D. Way, T. I. M.
George W. Mansfield, D. M.
Dudley A. Massey, P. C. of W.
Wm. H. Kendall, Treasurer
Samuel C. Weston, Recorder
John P. Peabody, C. of G.
Thomas G. Pinnock, C. of C.
Rev. Fielder Israel, Chaplain
Stephen Burger, Steward
Otis W. Roberts, Marshal
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

OLIVER D. WAY, 13th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Gorham, Me., Dec. 17, 1839, and died in Salem, Dec. 15, 1908. He had pneumonia and lived but a few days.

He came to Salem as a small boy and was educated in the public schools of this city. When a young man he made five voyages to sea, going to various points of the world, including Africa, China, San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands, rising to the position of second officer. He was once shipwrecked and spent several days in the water, clinging to a part of the ship and was almost dead when rescued.

In 1865, Oliver retired from the sea and engaged in the leather tanning business.

He was trustee of the Salem Hospital and never missed a day when he was well of visiting the wards to cheer and comfort the patients.

He was three years in the Common Council of Salem, and Alderman in 1884, 1886, 1887 and 1888. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for thirty-three years; also a member of the Universalist Church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

He was made a Master Mason in Essex Lodge June 20, 1871, and was Worshipful Master in 1880, 1881 and 1882. He was exalted in Washington R. A. C. in 1877 and was High Priest from Dec. 10, 1885 to Dec. 8, 1887, inclusive. He received the degrees in Salem Council in 1883 and was T. I. M. in 1888 and 1889, and was Chaplain at the time of his death. He was elected G. P. C. of W. in the Grand Council in 1893, was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery in 1880 and was Em. Commander in 1891 and 1892. He was also a member of Sutton Lodge of Perfection. We all loved Oliver. He was on the square and a true and devoted friend.

Dec. 6, 1888, the T. I. M., O. D. Way, spoke in a very appropriate manner of the great fire in Marblehead, which occurred Christmas night, when everything belonging to Philanthropic Lodge was lost except the books and the great lights. A sum of $25 was donated for their relief.

1889
ORGANIZATION

Oliver D. Way, T. I. M.
George W. Mansfield, D. M.
Dudley A. Massey, P. C. of W.
Wm. Kendall, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John P. Peabody, C. of G.
Thomas G. Pinnock, C. of C.
Stephen Burger, Steward
Otis W. Roberts, Marshal
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Jan. 23, 1889, the fee for the degrees was raised from $15 to $20, including diploma. A vote of thanks was received from Philanthropic Lodge.

March 27, 1889, a memorial page was prepared for the Rev. Fielder Israel, who died Jan. 4, 1889, aged 64 years. He was a minister of note in Salem, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge and orator of Sutton Lodge of Perfection. A poem was read by Past M. I. G. M., C. H. Norris.

June 24, 1889, St. John's Day, Salem Council made an excursion to the White Mountains.

Nov. 27, 1889, voted to change the time of annual assembly from the fourth Wednesday of November to the same date in October, which has continued ever since.

1890
ORGANIZATION

John P. Peabody, T. I. M.
Stephen W. Power, D. M..
Alvah H. Warner, P. C. of W.
William H. Kendall, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John B. Hill, Chaplain
Otis W. Roberts, Marshal
Thomas G. Pinnock, C. of G.
Henry Livingston, C. of C.
Benjamin Cole, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

JOHN P. PEABODY, 14th T. I. M. of Salem Counicl, was born in the town of Haverhill, Mass., and raised in Merrimac Lodge, March 28, 1857. He was exalted in Pentucket Chapter, Haverhill, and demitted in 1859, removing to Salem on that date and affiliated with Washington R. A. C. He was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, May 18, 1876; joined Salem Council, June 25, 1886, and was T. I. M. in 1890 and 1891. He was Chaplain at the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 30, 1889.

He was present at the annual meeting October 25th of that year and installed Chaplain. He was one of the best ritualists we ever had in Salem Council and was very particular about the work.

Ill. Companion Peabody was a successful business man of Salem and had a large store in the Downing Block for several years afterwards moving into the store under the First Church, now occupied by the Daniel Low Company. His specialties were small wares, hosiery, gloves, etc. He was also interested in church work and was Senior Warden of St. Peter's Church for over twenty-five years.

1891
ORGANIZATION

OFFICERS ELECTED OCT. 22, 1890

John P. Peabody, **T. I. M.**
Stephen W. Power, D. M.
Alvah H. Warner, P. C. of W.
William H. Kendall, Treasurer
George W. Rollins, Recorder
Thomas G. Pinnock, C. of G.
Henry Livingstone, C. of C.
John B. Hill, Chaplain
Ezra L. Browne, M. of C.
Howard B. Sawyer, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Whole number of members seventy-nine.

1892
ORGANIZATION

OFFICERS ELECTED OCT. 28, 1891

Stephen W. Power, T. I. M.
Thomas G. Pinnock, D. M.
Otis W. Roberts, Marshal
William H. Kendall, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
D. B. H. Power, M. of C.
Ira Vaughn, C. of G.
Ezra L. Browne, C. of C.
George L. Goss, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

The Council numbered seventy-eight members.

STEPHEN W. POWER, 15th T. I. M. of Salem Council,

The advent of Steve Powers as T. I. M. of Salem Council infused new life into the body. He was a live wire and knew what the boys wanted. He was born in the town of Marblehead, in 1859, and died in Salem, Feb. 17, 1895, at the early age of thirty-six years.

He was raised in Philanthropic Lodge, Nov. 17, 1886, and Worshipful Master in 1892 and 1893. He was exalted in Washington R. A. C., Salem, June 9. 1887; Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Oct. 20, 1887. He joined Salem Council, Nov. 4, 1887, and was T. I. M. of Salem Council for the years of 1892 and 1893.

He was a successful business man, carrying on, in connection with his brother, a large house-furnishing store in Marblehead, which was burned to the ground Christmas night, 1888. After the fire, he and his brother, Dan, built the Power Block on Washington Street, Salem, and moved their business over here. Shortly after, Steve died and Dan carried on the business, which has always been profitable. Steve was a good sport, energetic, bright, lively in disposition, aggressive in business and always to be relied upon.

Oct. 26, 1892, Salem Council bought new collars for all the officers.

Annual assembly, Stephen W. Power, re-elected T. I. M. of Salem Council.

1893
ORGANIZATION

Stephen W. Power, T. I. M.
Thomas G. Pinnock, D. M.
Otis W. Roberts, P. C. of W.
William H. Kendall, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
Ira Vaughn, C. of G.
Ezra L. Browne, C. of C.
P. H. Shirley, Steward
D. B. H. Powers, M. of C.
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Council now has ninety-two members.

Jan. 18, 1893, public installation of officers by Ill. Comp. A. Frank Welch. Singing by Boston Quintet Club, character sketches by E. W. Frye, and music by the Salem Cadet Orchestra, with an elaborate banquet and dancing until midnight.

Feb. 22, 1893, new arches made by Comp. George L. Goss.

Sept. 27, 1893, announcement of the death of Henry Clay Torr, who died May 20th. He was P. W. M. of Jordan Lodge, P. H. P. of Washington Chapter.

Entertainment by Prof. Fillebrown and Horace Coffin.

Oct. 25, 1893, annual assembly. Announcement of the death of Miss Hattie M. Batchelder, daughter of our old Tyler, William L. Batchelder. She bequeathed the sum of $136.41 to each of the six Masonic bodies in Salem, of which her father had been Tyler. It was her wish that a part of the money be spent for a crayon picture of Brother Batchelder to be hung on the walls of this institution. It was voted that the bequest be accepted and a committee appointed to procure a picture.

Besides being Tyler of all the Masonic bodies, Brother Batchelder was P. H. P. of Washington Chapter and a 32d degree Mason. I knew him well. It is not too late now to have a picture of Bill Batchelder made and hung in the Tyler's room of this temple.

Thomas G. Pinnock elected T. I. M. of Salem Council.

Officers installed by Past T. I. M., S. W. Powers, who was presented with a most elegant jewel studded wtih precious stones, of which the one we have today is the counterpart.

1894
ORGANIZATION

Thomas G. Pinnock, T. I. M.
Ira Vaughn, D. M.
Ezra L. Browne, P. C. of W.
William H. Kendall, Treasurer
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
D. B. H. Powers, M. of C.
W. Harvey Merrill, C. of G.
George L. Goss, C. of C.
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
George W. Pitman, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Council now has one hundred and ten members.

THOMAS G. PINNOCK, 16th T. I. M. of Salem Council, ex-Mayor of Salem, was born in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 1, 1851. He went to the Browne School in Salem and from there to the High School. He learned the slater's trade

of his father and was admitted to the firm in 1872. The business was very successful, it being the only one of the kind in Salem.

After the death of his father, Tom succeeded to the business. He got the best jobs in this vicinity; the State Normal School is a fine example of his work. He was for twenty-three years Warden and Clerk of Ward 5.

In 1899 he was elected Alderman and served two years. He was elected Mayor of Salem for the years of 1906 and 1907. His health was never the same after his service in the City Hall as Mayor; although he was as cordial and pleasant as ever, he was not the same old Tom as I used to know him. He gradually declined until death claimed him in his final and fatal illness. His monument is the Salem High School; it stands like the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—behold it.

He was a great reader and had a fine library, which was swept away by the Salem fire.

He died Feb. 14, 1914.

Masonic Record

Thomas G. Pinnock was made a Master Mason in Essex Lodge, March 4, 1879. He was Worshipful Master in 1897 and 1898; exalted in Washington Chapter, April 1, 1880; High Priest in 1898 and 1899. He joined Salem Council, March 4, 1887, was T. I. M. in 1894 and 1895, was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery April 15, 1886, and was E. C. in 1895 and 1896. He received the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory April 27, 1888. He was a member of Sutton Lodge of Perfection and held office for several years and was Senior Warden in 1901 and 1902.

He was a steadfast friend and not afraid to express his opinions. His adherents in politics called him Honest Tom.

Jan. 24, 1894, Salem Council appropriated $10 as their share in the expense of the Batchelder picture.

Oct. 24, 1894, annual assembly. Thomas G. Pinnock was re-elected T. I. M.

1895

ORGANIZATION

Thomas G. Pinnock, T. I. M.
Ira Vaughn, D. M.
Ezra L. Brown, P. C. of W.
Wm. H. Kendall, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
Wm. Harvey Merrill, C. of G.
Robert L. Almy, C. of C.
D. B. H. Powers, M. of C.
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
George W. Pitman, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

The Council numbers now, one hundred and nineteen members.

Feb. 17, 1895, death of Stephen W. Power. From the records of Feb. 27, 1895: "He has entered that higher lodge above, the place of wages, refreshment and rest, where the noontide of bliss eternally shines and the adoration of the 12th hour is everlastingly joy."

April 24, 1895, received thirty applications from Lynn through the merits of Tom Pinnock, Ezra Browne and myself.

June 25, 1895, worked the Royal Select and Super-Excellent degree on thirty-five candidates, the largest class

ever worked in Salem Council before or since.

Sept. 25, 1895, resolutions on the death of Thomas G. Hutchinson, who died May 6, 1895. He was Treasurer in 1869, Recorder in 1873 and 1874, Past Master of Essex Lodge and P. H. P. of Washington Chapter; also notice of the death of Wm. H. Kendall, which occurred Sept. 6, 1895.

Bro. Kendall was Treasurer of Essex Lodge, Washington Chapter, Salem Council, and Winslow Lewis Commandery, at the time of his death. He was elected Treasurer of the Council Nov. 10, 1879, serving sixteen years.

Annual assembly Oct. 23, 1895. Ira Vaughn elected T. I. M. The Council now numbers one hundred and fifty-three members.

1896
ORGANIZATION

Ira Vaughn, T. I. M.
Ezra L. Browne, D. M.
W. Harvey Merrill, P. C. of W.
Wm. M. Jelly, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
Robert L. Almy, C. of G.
Arthur S. Palfrey, C. of C.
Herbert S. Gilman, M. of C.
George W. Pitman, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

IRA VAUGHN, 17th T. I. M. of Salem Council, a successful business man, one time head of the Vaughn Machine Company, of Peabody, was born in North New Portland, Me., Aug. 9, 1864.

He was raised in Jordan Lodge, Peabody, May 19, 1886. Demitted Feb. 16, 1894 and affiliated with Essex Lodge, Salem, Feb. 28, 1894. He was exalted in Washington R. A. C., Feb. 13, 1890; High Priest in 1897; Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Jan. 19, 1890. E. C. in 1897. Received the Cryptic degrees in Salem Council, June 6, 1890; T. I. M. in 1896 and 1897. Received the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory, April 24, 1891. Royal Order of Scotland, Sept., 1892.

Major Vaughn was quite active in military matters. Col. Fitz appointed him battalion quartermaster with rank of first lieutenant and he was afterwards elected captain of Co. C, 2d Corps Cadets and appointed aide de camp on Gov. Draper's staff with rank of major.

He spent a year in Germany during the war, looking after business interests and was appointed U. S. Deputy Consul General at Frankfort and assisted many U. S. citizens out of the country.

April 22, 1896, Ill. George Tapley was presented with a Past T. I. M. jewel. He was T. I. M. of Salem Council in 1871 and served six years. Rather late in the day, but better late than never, I suppose George thought.

Sept. 23, 1896, death of Wyman B. Richardson, of Peabody, a good old soul and everybody's friend.

Oct. 28, 1896, annual assembly. Ira Vaughn re-elected T. I. M. Council now numbers one hundred and fifty-six members.

Nov. 26, 1896, death of Addison A. Sawyer, aged 62 years.

1897
ORGANIZATION

Ira Vaughn, T. I. M.
Ezra L. Browne, D. M.
Robert L. Almy, P. C. of W.
Wm. M. Jelly, Treasurer
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
Benjamin Cole, Jr., M. of C.
Arthur S. Palfrey, C. of G.
Herbert S. Gilman, C. of C.
George W. Pitman, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

May 26, 1897, fraternal visit of the Grand Council, consisting of Samuel G. Lyman, G. M., and suite.

Past Grand Master's jewels presented to M. I. P. G. M., Charles H. Norris, M. I. P. G. M., J. Albert Blake, by Ill. James A. Gardner, Grand Lecturer.

Ill. Companion Norris presented to the M. I. G. M., the original rituals of Salem Council.

June 28, 1897, death of Companion Dudley A. Massey, one of our leading lights in Free Masonry, Past Master of Amity Lodge, Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery. He joined Salem Council in 1886.

He wrote a very comprehensive history of Masonry in Danvers and was an important man of affairs in his native town.

Oct. 27, 1897, annual assembly. Council now numbers one hundred and sixty-eight members.

1898
ORGANIZATION

Ezra L. Browne, T. I. M.
Robert L. Almy, D. M.
G. Sydney McFarlane, P. C. of W.
Wm. M. Jelly, Treasurer
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
Edward S. Nichols, M. of C.
Benjamin Cole, Jr., C. of G.
Arthur T. Way, C. of C.
John C. McDonald, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

EZRA LUMMUS BROWNE, the 17th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Salem in 1843. He was educated in the Salem schools and was for many years engaged in the shoe business. The latter part of his life he had charge of one of the departments of the Salem postoffice.

MASONIC RECORD

He was elected a member of Starr King Lodge, Salem, Oct. 5, 1868; exalted in Washington R. A. C., April 8, 1869; was High Priest in 1891 and 1892. He joined Salem Council June 6, 1890; was T. I. M. in 1898 and 1899; Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery June 20, 1889. He served the Commandery as Sword Bearer in 1890 and was appointed Warder in 1891.

WAR RECORD

He was a currier by occupation. He enlisted at the age of eighteen years in Co. F, 23d Regiment, Mass. Vols., Oct. 14, 1861, and served through the whole war. He was twice wounded, once at the battle of Newberne, March 14, 1862, and afterwards at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.

He was taken prisoner once by the Confederates, but managed to escape. He was honorably discharged from the service at the end of the war.

We all remember Ezra as one of the most popular and best beloved T. I. Ms. of them all. He always had an inimitable way of putting things and one always understood what he meant and the Council throve under his guidance.

Oct. 26, 1898, annual assembly.

Ezra L. Browne re-elected T. I. M. Council now numbers one hundred and eighty-one members.

Dec. 28, 1898, petition for a new council at Lynn was presented at this meeting by G. Sydney McFarlane.

1899
ORGANIZATION

Ezra L. Browne, T. I. M.
Robert L. Almy, D. M.
Benjamin Cole, Jr., P. C. of W.
Wm. M. Jelly, Treasurer
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
Arthur T. Way, C. of G.
Edward W. Nichols, C. of C.
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
J. C. McDonald, M. of C.
Charles Goodwin, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Duplicate charter ordered made.

Feb. 23, 1899, Salem Council visited Zebulun Council, U. D., and presented them with the Great Lights.

May 24, 1899, officers of Zebulun Council worked the Royal Degree in Salem Council.

Oct. 25, 1899, annual assembly. Whole number of members one hundred and ninety-one.

Robert L. Almy elected T. I. M.

Granted forty-one demits to the Lynn companions.

Oct. 30, 1899, sudden death of John P. Peabody, Past T. I. M. of Salem Council. He was present at the annual meeting, appointed and installed Chaplain, but never served under the new organization.

1900
ORGANIZATION

Robert L. Almy, T. I. M.
Benjamin Cole, Jr., D. M.
Arthur T. Way, P. C. of W.
Wm. M. Jelly, Treasurer
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
John P. Peabody, Chaplain
John C. McDonald, M. of C.
Herbert S. Gilman, C. of G.
Charles Goodwin, C. of C.
Angus McDonald, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

ROBERT LAWTON ALMY, 19th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in North Adams, Mass., Dec. 28, 1850. He attended the district schools of Adams until 1862. He lived in Pittsfield, Mass., until 1868. From 1864 to 1867, he took a three years' course at Friend's Boarding School, Providence, R. I. February, 1868, he came to Salem to learn the dry goods business, with Almy & Company, and has been connected with this concern ever since. He lived in Lynn from 1881 to 1891. He was a partner of the W.

B. Gifford & Co. business in that city (an offshoot of the Almy, Bigelow & Washburn Co.), for ten years.

Masonic Career

He was raised a Master Mason in Starr King Lodge, December, 1872. Worshipful Master in 1895 and 1896. Exalted in Sutton R. A. Chapter, Lynn, Dec. 7, 1882. Was High Priest in 1887 and 1888. He joined Salem Council Feb. 28, 1894; T. I. M., Salem Council, 1900 and 1901. He was Knighted in Olivet Commandery, Lynn, June 6, 1883; E. C. in 1890. He joined Sutton Lodge of Perfection, Salem, Nov. 26, 1879; T. P. G. M. in 1901, 1902 and 1903. He received the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory April 27, 1887; First Sovereign Prince of Jubilee Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16th degree U. D., Salem, in 1917.

Honorary Member of Starr King Lodge, Salem; Sutton R. A. C., Lynn; Washington R. A. C., Salem; Salem Council R. & S. M.; Olivet Commandery K. T., Lynn; Winslow Lewis Commandery K. T. Salem; Sutton Lodge of Perfection, Salem.

Feb. 28, 1900, invitation from Naphtali Council to Salem Council to make a fraternal visit, which was accepted.

March 23, 1900, Salem Council made Naphtali Council a visit, about fifty members going to Chelsea, presenting them with a piece of hammered brass as a specimen of our work.

March 28, 1900, Council appointed a committee to make arrangements for a council outing at Naugus Head, June 24th, St. John's Day. This is the committee: W. Harvey Merrill, George W. Pickering, J. C. McDonald and Henry Page.

It needs no comment; the success of the outing was assured in advance.

At this time there was a scarcity of candidates. One Sunday, J. C. McDonald and myself took Harry Mansfield's two wheeled gig and scoured Essex County. We brought back ten applications. After that we had no more trouble.

June 24, 1900, St. John's Day. That outing is talked about until the present day. The weather was perfect; we had many distinguished guests with us from all over the state. We had a banquet in Andrew Schlehuber's big tent and a continuous lunch all day. Games of all sorts were played with great satisfaction, especially baseball. Truly a Red Letter Day for Salem Council.

Oct. 24, 1900, annual assembly. Forty-six demits granted during the year, leaving the whole membership one hundred and forty-eight.

Robert L. Almy re-elected T. I. M.

1901

ORGANIZATION

Robert L. Almy, T. I. M.
Benjamin Cole, Jr., D. M.
Arthur T. Way, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George W. S. Rollins, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Herbert S. Gilman, C. of G.
Charles Goodwin, C. of C.
Angus McDonald, Steward
Edward W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Jan. 23, 1901, visitation of M. I. G. M., Baalis Sanford

and suite. We made this a special occasion as it was the first meeting of Salem Council held in the 20th century (from the records).

This is the largest meeting of Salem Council since its organization, there being present over one hundred members, not including our guests, who probably numbered at least twenty-five more, and the Council is to be congratulated that it starts off at the beginning of the 20th century with every prospect of increasing success.

Feb. 27, 1901, committee appointed to make arrangements to invite Naphtali Council to make us a fraternal visit; also committee appointed to procure robes for the officers and other paraphernalia.

Stephen Berger severely injured by attempting to alight from a moving train. He is now at the hospital in, a serious condition.

March 27, 1901, visitation of Ill. Companion W. H. L. Odell, with about fifty companions of Naphtali Council. There were eighty members of Salem Council present. The officers wore the new robes for the first time. We had a fine banquet, with music by the Italian string band.

April 24, 1901, another invitation from Naphtali to make them a visit on May 24th, which was accepted.

Death of Companion John L. Curtis announced. He died in Gloucester, April 21, 1901. He was one of our oldest members, having joined the Council in 1878.

"Like a clock worn out with eating time the weary wheels at last stood still."—RECORDS.

Oct. 23, 1901, annual assembly. Memorial read on the death of Ill. Companion George Tapley, by Ill. Companion A. F. Welch.

Original poem read by P. M. I. G. M., C. H. Norris.

Benjamin Cole, Jr., elected T. I. Master.

Whole number of members one hundred and sixty-six.

Set of resolutions presented to Salem Council by Naphtali Council, of Chelsea, in recognition of a loving-cup which we presented to them on our last visit thither, executed by the hand of our beloved friend and companion, James A. Gardner.

1902

ORGANIZATION

Benjamin Cole, Jr., T. I. M.
Arthur T. Way, D. M.
Herbert S. Gilman, P. C. of W.
Edward Nichols, Treasurer
G. W. S. Rollins, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Charles Goodwin, C. of G.
Angus McDonald, C. of C.
George Upton, Steward
Edward W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

BENJAMIN COLE, JR., the 20th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Marblehead, and educated in the public schools of that town.

Business—wholesale grain merchant. He has served several times on the Board of Selectmen, of Marblehead; officer in the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston, for many years. He went to Europe with them, several years ago.

MASONIC RECORD

He was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead, December, 1884; was

Wor. Master in 1894 and 1895; Treasurer up to the present writing; exalted in Washington R. A. C., April 29, 1886. Served as High Priest in 1895; joined Salem Council, Nov. 4, 1887; T. I. M. in 1892 and 1893; Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Jan. 20, 1887; elected E. C., October, 1890, serving during the year of 1891

He is a member of the Scottish Rite, receiving the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory, April 22, 1887; he is also a member of Aleppo Temple, N. M. S. He served several years as an officer in Sutton Lodge of Perfection, Salem.

Aug. 31, 1902, death of M. I. Charles H. Norris, P. G. M. of Massachusetts.

Sept. 9, 1902, death of A. Frank Welch, Past T. I. M. of Salem Council.

Oct. 22, 1902, annual assembly. Benjamin Cole, Jr., re-elected T. I. M.

Whole number of members, one hundred and ninety.

1903
ORGANIZATION

Benjamin Cole, Jr., T. I. M.
Arthur T. Way, D. M.
Herbert S. Gilman, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Walter N. Daniels, M. of C.
Charles Goodwin, C. of G.
George Upton, C. of C.
C. A. Ferguson, Steward
Edward W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

April 23, 1903, first section of the Royal degree worked by Miah G. Kenny in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

Oct. 28, 1903, annual assembly.

Arthur T. Way elected T. I. M. of Salem Council. Membership one hundred and eighty-seven.

1904
ORGANIZATION

Arthur T. Way, T. I. M.
Herbert S. Gilman, D. M.
Charles Goodwin, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Clinton S. Ferguson, C. of C.
George Upton, C. of G.
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Edward Jenks, Steward
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

ARTHUR TRUMAN WAY, the 21st T. I. M. of Salem Council, one of the best known Masons, not only in Salem, but also in the state, son of Truman and Sarah L. Way, was born in Salem, March 25, 1855.

His father was an engineer of railroad construction. The family moved west after the birth of their son, returning to Salem in 1871, when he was 16. Arthur learned and mastered the method of leather manufacturing in Salem and early in the 90's started business for himself, conducting a most successful business during the remainder of his life.

He was a member of the Board of Aldermen in Salem in 1897 and 1898, but declined further public honors.

As a citizen he was upright in every respect and was a kind and considerate employer and highly esteemed by his employees.

Masonic Career

He was raised in Essex Lodge, Salem, April 20, 1886; was elected Worshipful Master in 1889, serving for two years. In 1896 he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, serving continuously until the time of his death.

He was exalted in Washington R. A. C., April 14, 1887, and was High Priest in 1893, 1894 and 1895, and was Treasurer from 1899. He joined Salem Council R. & S. M. in 1892 and was T. I. M. for the years of 1904 and 1905.

Jan. 19, 1888, he was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery of Salem, and served as E. C. from October, 1898, to October, 1900.

The Ineffable Grades were conferred upon him in Sutton Lodge of Perfection at Salem, Sept. 23, 1892, and he presided over their deliberations from 1904 to 1907.

Feb. 23, 1898, he became a member of Massachusetts Consistory, 32d grade, and was elected 2d lieutenant commander in 1906.

The Supreme Council elected him to the 33d degree at the annual session in Boston, 1907, an honor he did not live to receive. He was an officer in Giles F. Yates, Princes of Jerusalem, 16th degree for several years, starting as Captain of the Guard; his highest office was Senior Warden.

He was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter for several years and also Deputy High Priest during the term of G. H. P. Bowen, and had to do about all of the official business of the Grand Chapter without the honors. He was slated for the next Grand High Priest, but refused to accept the office.

At the time of his death he was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He was one of the organizers of the Colonial Club in Salem and always kept up his interest in that body. His death occurred in Salem, March 10, 1908.

"Surely Death loves a shining mark."

May 25, 1904, announcement of the death of John B. Hill, of Beverly, a very prominent Mason of the 33d degree, and Past Commander of Winslow Lewis and St. George Commanderies.

Oct. 26, 1904, annual assembly. Council has one hundred and eighty-eight members. Arthur T. Way re-elected T. I. M.

1905

ORGANIZATION

Arthur T. Way, T. I. M.
Herbert S. Gilman, P. C. of W.
E. W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
W. N. Daniels, M. of C.
George Upton, C. of G.
C. A. Ferguson, C. of C.
Edward Jenks, Steward
E. W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

March 25, 1905, M. I. M., J. Albert Blake, elected Honorary Member of Salem Council.

Oct. 25, 1905, annual assembly.

Membership one hundred and eighty-six.

H. S. Gilman elected T. I. M.

Dec. 27, 1905, Ill. Miah G. Kenny worked the first section of the Royal degree in his usual style.

1906
ORGANIZATION

Herbert S. Gilman, T. I. M
Charles Goodwin, D. M.
Charles H. Preston, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Walter N. Daniels, M. of C.
Clinton A. Ferguson, C. of G.
Edward Jenks, C. of C.
Albert F. Smith, Steward
Edward W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

HERBERT S. GILMAN, 22d T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Salem, Mass., August 20, 1869 He was educated in the Salem schools His occupation—tinsmith, learning his trade with the firm of Fifield & Page, corner Washington and Front Streets, Salem, succeeding to the business after the old firm had been retired by death. He now conducts the most up-to-date store of its kind in the city.

MASONIC CAREER

He was raised in Starr King Lodge, March 11, 1895; was Master of the Lodge in 1904 and 1905, and has the record of making more Master Masons in that Lodge than any other Master. He was exalted in Washington R. A. C., June 13, 1895, and was its Treasurer for a number of years.

He joined Salem Council June 25, 1895, and was T. I. M. for the years of 1906 and 1907. He was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery April 15, 1895, serving through the minor offices up to Generalissimo, but declined the office of Em. Commander on account of business.

He joined Sutton Lodge of Perfection in 1896 and was elected T. P. G. Master, March 23, 1910, serving three years. He received the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory, Dec. 30, 1896, also serving as Treasurer of Sutton Lodge, after the death of Andrew Wilson, up to the present time.

He was appointed First Sr. Warden of Jubilee Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16th degree U. D., in 1917.

April 25, 1906, fraternal visit of Edwin S. Cranden, M. I. G. M.; also visitation of Ill. Companion W. H. L. Odel, G. C. of C., and suite.

May 25, 1906, Salem Council made a fraternal and social visit to Naphtali Council, Chelsea.

Oct. 24, 1906, annual assembly.

Membership two hundred and one.

H. S. Gilman re-elected T. I. M.

1907
ORGANIZATION

Herbert S. Gilman, T. I. M.
Charles Goodwin, D. M.
Charles H. Preston, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Walter N. Daniels, M. of C.
C. A. Ferguson, C. of G.
Edward Jenks, C. of C.
Albert F. Smith, Steward
Edward W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Feb. 27, 1907, visitation of Ill. Companion James B. Gardner, Grand Lecturer and suite (our Jim).

Sept. 23, 1907.—"The thanks of the Council were extended to P. T. I. M., R. L. Almy, for the zeal he has shown in securing for Salem Council her proper position in the list of councils of the state. The Council has always been ranked fifth oldest and rightly her place is 3d, having been organized June 3, 1818. See records of Salem Council."

May 27, 1907, announced at this assembly David B. Kimball died. June 18, 1907, Joseph F. Full died.

Oct. 23, 1907, annual assembly.

Membership two hundred and twelve.

Charles Goodwin elected T. I. M.

1908
ORGANIZATION

Charles Goodwin, T. I. M.
Charles H. Preston, D. M.
Clinton A. Ferguson, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Oliver D. Way, Chaplain
Alex. H. Libby, M. of C.
A. F. Smith, C. of G.
George S. Goss, C. of C.
A. H. Ham, Steward
E. W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

CHARLES GOODWIN, 23d T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Marblehead, July 5, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of that town. By occupation he is a manufacturer of shoe supplies.

MASONIC CAREER

He was raised in Philanthropic Lodge, April 17, 1894. He was Worshipful Master in 1904 and 1905; exalted in Washington R. A. C., June 11, 1896; was High Priest in 1909, 1910 and 1911.

During his term of office Washington Chapter celebrated their hundredth anniversary—1811-1911. It was a brilliant affair and well carried out.

Ill. Companion Goodwin joined Salem Council Nov. 24, 1905. He was elected T. I. M., October, 1907, serving during the years of 1908 and 1909. He was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery K. T., Salem, Jan. 20, 1898. At present, 1917, he holds the office of Generalissimo. He received the Ineffable degrees in Sutton Lodge of Perfection. He held the office of T. P. G. Master during the years of 1915, 1916 and 1917.

He received the 32d degree S. P. R. S. in Massachusetts Consistory in 1906; appointed the First Jr. Warden of Jubilee Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16th U. D., in 1917.

March 25, 1908, announcement of the death of P. T. I. M., Arthur T. Way, which occurred March 10, 1908.

April 22, 1908, voted to send assistance to Naphtali Council, of Chelsea, in her hour of need. Everything was lost by fire on Palm Sunday of this year.

May 27, 1908, announcement of the death of George L. Goss, of Marblehead, our C. of C. of the Council. He died February 28th.

Companion Goss was the present Em. Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery and P. H. P. of Washington R. A. C.

Oct. 28, 1908, annual assembly.

Council fees raised from $20 to $25. By-laws changed so that applications have to stand over one month before action.

Annual dues raised from $2.00 to $3.00 per annum.

Salary of the Recorder raised from $25 to $50 per year.

Whole number of members, two hundred and two.

1909
ORGANIZATION

Charles Goodwin, T. I. M.
Charles H. Preston, D. M.
C. A. Ferguson, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
J. H. Dearborn, M. of C.
A. F. Smith, C. of G.
A. H. Ham, C. of C.
H. A. Bliss, Steward
E. W. Merrill, Organist
Wm. Kell, Sentinel

Ill. Companion Oliver D. Way died Dec. 15, 1908.

Oct. 27, 1909, annual assembly.

Total membership one hundred and ninety-eight.

Charles H. Preston elected T. I. M.

Dec. 1st, death of Albert H. Ham, C. of the Council.

Dec. 22d, death of William Kell, our old Sentinel. He died in the harness. He was first appointed in 1887, serving twenty-two years.

1910
ORGANIZATION

Charles H. Preston, T. I. M.
C. A. Ferguson, D. M.
A. F. Smith, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
J. H. Dearborn, M. of C.
A. H. Ham, C. of G.
A. W. Beckford, C. of C.
E. P. Lane, Steward
F. W. Ross, Organist
G. W. S. Rollins, Sentinel

Jan. 26, 1910, announcement of the death of Wm. Reith, Jr., and Charles A. King. Gus was one of the few Lynn boys who stuck to Salem Council.

Companion King died December 28, 1909.

Companion Reith died December 23, 1909.

CHARLES H. PRESTON, 24th T. I. M. of Salem Council, son of Charles P. and Sarah Preston, was born in Danvers, March 22, 1863. He graduated from Danvers High School in 1879 and Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1883. He engaged as chemist at Amherst and Boston from 1883 to 1890.

He was trustee of Peabody Institute and Selectman of Danvers in 1894.

MASONIC CAREER

He was raised in Mosaic Lodge, Danvers, March 26, 1885; Worshipful Master in 1894; exalted in Holten R. A. C., Danvers, May 20, 1891; Ex-King in 1896; High Priest in 1898 and 1899; Honorary Member of Holten Chapter in

1914; District Deputy G. H. P., 2d district, in 1910 and 1911; Deputy G. H. Priest in 1912.

He joined Salem Council R. & S. M., March 27, 1901; T. I. Master in 1910 and 1911; Deputy G. M., Grand Council in 1914; Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1914.

Member of Sutton Lodge of Perfection. Knighted in St. George Commandery K. T., Beverly, U. D., Oct. 28, 1892; Warder in 1897; Charter Member of St. George Commandery.

Feb. 23, 1910, announcement of the death of Dr. Eaton, of Danvers, who died Jan. 31, 1910.

Visitation of Col. Everett C. Benton, M. I. G. M., and suite. He presented each of the P. T. I. Masters with a P. T. I. M. diploma, the first of the kind in the history of Cryptic Masonry; a very happy precedent which has been followed by all subsequent Grand Masters.

April 23, 1910, announcement of the death of Wm. Penn Hussey, which occurred March 22, 1911.

June 10, 1910, fraternal visit by Salem Council to Lawrence Council.

Oct. 26, 1910, annual assembly.

Membership, one hundred and ninety-one.

Charles H. Preston re-elected T. I. M.

1911
ORGANIZATION

Charles H. Preston, T. I. M.
Clinton A. Ferguson, D. M.
Albert F. Smith, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
John H. Dearborn, M. of C.
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
Arthur W. Beckford, C. of G.
Ernest P. Lane, C. of C.
H. A. Streeter, Steward
G. W. S. Rollins, Sentinel

March 22, 1911, visitation of Lawrence Council, about seventy-five members. They came down and worked the Royal Degree, Ill. Companion Joyce, of Medford Council, taking the part of P. C. of W.

Oct. 25, 1911, annual assembly.

Membership, two hundred and four.

Charles H. Preston was re-elected T. I. M., but declined to serve. Clinton A. Ferguson elected T. I. Master.

Arthur W. Beckford was elected P. C. of W., but declined to serve.

Nov. 11, 1911, fraternal visitation of M. I. G. M. Benton, and suite.

Officers installed by the Grand officers. Presentation of P. T. I. M. diplomas.

Dec. 27, 1911, announcement of the death of Horace N. Smith, which occurred Dec. 23, 1911. Companion Smith had been a very active Mason in his time, serving as Master of Essex Lodge, High Priest of Washington Chapter and Em. Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery.

1912
ORGANIZATION

Clinton A. Ferguson, T. I. M.
Albert F. Smith, D. M.
Ernest P. Lane, P. C. of W.
Edward H. Nichols, Treasurer
George W. Cooke, Recorder
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
John H. Dearborn, M. of C.
Howard A. Streeter, C. of G.
A. Simpson Lyle, C. of C.
Charles J. Trask, Steward
Frank W. Ross, Organist
George W. S. Rollins, Sentinel

March 27, motion for a new by-law for life membership was referred to a committee.

April 24, 1912, Salem Council had a Past T. I. Master's night, the first on record during its history.

Those who participated were as follows:

Ill. Comp. Robert L. Almy as T. I. M.
M. Ill. Comp. J. Albert Blake, D. M.
Ill. Comp. Benj. Cole, Jr., P. C. of W.
Ill. Comp. Herbert S. Gilman, M. of C.
Ill. Comp. Charles Goodwin, C. of G.
Ill. Comp. Charles H. Preston, C. of C.
Ill. Comp. Clinton A. Ferguson, Steward.

The Past. T. I. Masters were highly complimented by the T. I. Master for the quality and correctness of their work. Speeches by P. M. I. M., J. Albert Blake, and others.

Clinton A. Ferguson, the 25th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Marblehead, Mass., Dec. 4, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of that historical old

town. He is in the fire insurance business, with offices in Boston.

He was raised in Philanthropic Lodge, June 18, 1895, Marblehead, was Worshipful Master in 1910 and 1911; exalted March 14, 1901, in Washington R. A. C., Salem; joined Salem Council, Royal and Select Masters, May 28, 1902.

He was T. I. M. of Salem Council in 1912 and 1913; appointed Lecturer of the Grand Council during the years of 1915, 1916 and 1917. He was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Dec. 21, 1916; is a member of the A. & A. S. Rite, receiving the 32d degree in Massachusetts Consistory, January 1, 1915. He has always shown a great interest in Masonry, especially in the Cryptic Rite.

Regular assembly May 22, 1912. Fraternal and social visit of Lawrence Council, about fifty strong. Ill. Comp. Sjostram, T. I. M. of Lawrence Council, assumed the East and worked the Superexcellent Degree in the full new ritual, in a beautiful and impressive manner. They brought their own music, which aided wonderfully, and with great effect.

Report of committee on change of by-laws relative to life membership, and to establish a permanent fund. Also a board of trustees appointed, life membership to be $45.00.

Sept. 25, 1912, new by-laws unanimously adopted.

Oct. 23, 1912, annual assembly.

Election of officers—Clinton A. Ferguson re-elected T. I. M. Whole number of members 218, twenty candidates having been received during the year.

Announcement of the death of Companion Samuel A. Boynton, who died Sept. 9, 1912.

Public installation of officers, for Masons only, by the Most Puissant General Grand Master of the U. S. A., John Albert Blake; music by Orient Council band.

1913

ORGANIZATION

Clinton A. Ferguson, T. I. M.
Albert F. Smith, D. M.
Ernest P. Lane, P. C. of W.
Edward W. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
John H. Dearborn, M. of C.
H. A. Streeter, C. of G.
A. S. Lyle, C. of C.
C. J. Trask, Steward
G. W. S. Rollins, Sentinel
Frank W. Ross, Organist

Companion James A. Davis died March 29, 1913.

April 23, 1913, Ill. Companion Edgar S. Rideout, of Lawrence Council, worked the Select Degree on a class of candidates. The work was performed in a very correct and finished manner which is characteristic of Companion Rideout.

Oct. 22, 1913, annual assembly; Council membership 233; candidates during the year, 15.

Albert F. Smith elected T. I. M.; officers were installed by Ill. Charles Goodwin, P. T. I. M. Ill. Companion Robert L. Almy gave a short talk on his travels last summer in Europe, entitled "The Netherlands" or "From Paris to Rotterdam." This took in quite a portion of the territory

which has been and is now being fought over in Belgium and Northern France (written in 1917).

Dec. 24, 1913, Ill. Companion Robert L. Almy, P. T. I. M. of Salem Council, unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

1914

ORGANIZATION

Albert F. Smith, T. I. M.
Ernest P. Lane, D. M.
H. A. Streeter, P. C. of W.
Edward S. Nichols, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
John H. Dearborn, M. of C.
A. S. Lyle, C. of G.
C. J. Trask, C. of C.
George W. Blinn, Steward
George W. S. Rollins, Sentinel
Frank W. Ross, Organist

ALBERT FARRAGUT SMITH, the 26th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Salem, July 9, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of this city. He like Tubal Cain of old, is a worker in metals, running two iron foundries, one in Salem and the other in Lynn.

He inherited from his father, Alonzo H. Smith (of honored memory), his love of Free Masonry. For a comparatively young man Bert has had a remarkable Masonic career.

He was raised in Essex Lodge in Salem, Feb. 7, 1893; was Worshipful Master during the years of 1904 and 1905. He was exalted in Washington R. A. C., April 13, 1893;

was High Priest in 1907 and 1908. He joined Salem Council, R. & S. M., May 23, 1894. He was T. I. M. of Salem Council in 1914 and 1915. He was Knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery, K. T., Melrose, afterwards transferred to Winslow Lewis Commandery.

He has worked up through the lines until at present he holds the position of Senior Warden. He is a member of all the Scottish Rite bodies and also of Aleppo Temple, N. M. S. He was elected T. P. M. of Sutton Lodge of Perfection in 1913, serving three years.

He has the best record in getting candidates for Sutton Lodge of Perfection up to his time of any T. P. Master, having gathered in during his three years, one hundred members.

When Jubilee Council, P. of J., received its dispensation, he was named the first High Priest. He was crowned an Honorary 33d of the Supreme Council in Pittsburg, Sept. 19, 1916.

He joined Sutton Lodge of Perfection Nov. 23, 1894. He received the 32d Degree in Massachusetts Consistory in April 27, 1906.

Feb. 25, 1914, announcement of the death of Past T. I. M. Thomas G. Pinnock, who died at the Salem Hospital as the result of an operation, Feb. 15, 1914.

Recitation of the *Level and the Square,"* by Ill. Comp. Robert L. Almy. (I solemnly promised Tom that I would recite this poem at his funeral, but I absolutely could not do so, as I knew I should have completely broken down, so I chose this occasion instead.)

Feb. 26, 1914, death of Companion Charles A. Boynton.

April 7, 1914, sudden death of Thomas W. Handy. I must speak a word for Tom. He was a candidate of mine

and one of the most devoted Masons I ever knew; always ready to do anything for the cause at any time; a true and devoted friend.

June 12, 1914, death of Andrew J. Wilson, Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery and Past Master of Essex Lodge; another good man and true gone.

June 14, 1914, death of Lorenzo P. Washburn, associate editor of the *Salem News.*

October 28, 1914, annual assembly; total membership 233. Ill. Companion Albert F. Smith re-elected T. I. M. of Salem Council.

Dec. 23d, jewel presented to Albert F. Smith, by his father, in behalf of the Council; it was done in a very pleasing and original manner.

1915

ORGANIZATION

Albert F. Smith, T. I. M.
Ernest P. Lane, D. M.
H. A. Streeter, P. C. of W.
Walter B. Edgell, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
Robert L. Almy, Chaplain
John H. Dearborn, M. of C.
A. S. Lyle, C. of G.
C. J. Trask, C. of C.
George W. Blinn, Steward
G. W. S. Rollins, Sentinel
Frank W. Ross, Organist

Jan. 27, 1915, announcement of the death of Comp. Fred W. Tibbetts, who passed away Dec. 3, 1914; also Comp. Thomas Ingalls, who died Dec. 28, 1914.

April 28, 1915, on motion of Comp. George W. Blinn,

the first three officers of the Council were elected to act with the committees of the other Masonic bodies, in arranging for the laying of the corner stone of the New Temple.

Announcement of the death of Companion William S. Walcott, who died April 4, 1915.

May 26, 1915, on motion of Companion Blinn, it was voted to extend an invitation to the officers of the Grand Council to be the guests of Salem Council at the laying of the corner stone of the New Masonic Temple, June 24, St. John's Day.

June 24, 1915, laying of the corner stone of the New Masonic Temple, corner of Washington and Lynde Streets, with fitting ceremonies and a grand parade, in which the officers and members of Salem Council participated. The Grand officers were the guests of Salem Council.

Oct. 27, 1915, annual assembly. Ernest P. Lane was elected T. I. M. of Salem Council; whole number of members 238. Fraternal visit of the Grand Master, W. H. L. Odell, and suite, for the purpose of installing the officers. A deputation from Temple Council, of Weymonth, headed by Ill. Comp. Bower, presented Salem Council with the traveling broken triangle.

Nov. 24, 1915, it was voted that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Salem Council which occurs June 3, 1918. The entire corps of officers were elected for that purpose. A sum of $2.00 from the fee of each candidate was set apart to defray expenses. The T. I. M. announced that the traveling triangle would be carried to Zebulum Council, Lynn, at their December assembly.

Dec. 22, 1915, proposed amendments to the by-laws, changing the regular meeting of Salem Council from the 4th Wednesday to the 4th Thursday.

1916
ORGANIZATION

Ernest Pinkham Lane, T. I. M.
Howard A. Streeter, D. M.
A. S. Lyle, P. C. of W.
Walter B. Edgell, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
John H. Lewis, Chaplain
Frederick J. Needham, M. of C.
Charles J. Trask, C. of G.
George W. Blinn, C. of C.
C. M. Duren, Steward
Frank W. Ross, Organist
G. W. S. Rollins, Sentinel

Ernest Pinkham Lane, 27th T. I. M. of Salem Council, was born in Lynn, and was educated in the public schools of that city. By occupation he is a chemist and superintendent of the Lydia E. Pinkham Laboratory, of Lynn. Date of birth, Aug. 31, 1873.

He was raised in Essex Lodge, Jan. 14, 1902; exalted in Washington R. A. C., Jan. 12, 1905, Salem, and now holds the office of M. Ex. High Priest.

He joined Salem Council June 28, 1905; was T. I. M. of Salem Council in 1916 and 1917; was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery Dec. 16, 1909. He is a member of all the Scottish Rite bodies, receiving the 32d Degree in Massachusetts Consistory Dec. 23, 1910.

He was appointed the first Treasurer of Jubilee Council, P. of J., U. D., in 1917.

January 26, 1916, alteration of by-laws relative to changing date of meeting defeated.

Jan. 26, 1916, committee elected Robert L. Almy historian.

Feb. 23, 1916, it was voted to contribute $10.00 for the Rainy Day Fund of the Grand Council.

March 22, 1916, announcement of the death of Comp. Charles W. Morse, M. D., who died Feb. 14, 1916.

April 26, 1916, last assembly of Salem Council in the old hall in Kinsman Block, Washington Street, Salem. Business candidates balloted for, to receive the degrees.

May 24, 1916, this assembly is highly important, not only for being the first of Salem Council meetings in the New Temple, but it was also the occasion of the first visitation of the Grand officers to the Council in these apartments. Announcement of the presence of the Grand officers was duly made and Ill. E. Coleman Brown, Grand Captain of the Guard, and suite, accompanied by the Grand Master, W. H. L. Odell, were escorted into the hall by a dignified committee of Past T. Ill. Masters of Salem Council.

The Grand Master was much pleased with our new apartments and spoke very highly of them. There were also speeches by Ill. M. Perry Bush and other Masons of High degree. I wonder if some of the old heroes who founded Salem Council in former days,—say the Illustrious Quartet, King, Whipple, Bartlett and Buttrick—could have looked in on us, what they would have said or thought. It's a far cry from the old hall in the Franklin Building, with its tallow candles and fireplace, to these sumptuous apartments, with steam heat, electric lights, velvet furniture, telephones and an organ that would make them think that the angels were calling them home. Well, "they builded better than they knew."

"Their swords are rust,
Their bodies dust,
Their souls are with the Saints, we trust."

June 24, 1916, dedication of the New Masonic Apartments by Grand Master Melvin M. Johnson and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Companion George W. S. Rollins, our old Recorder and Sentinel was presented by the Grand Master with a Henry Price medal for fifty years of service. There was a banquet for the members and invited guests in the afternoon and a reception and buffet lunch for the ladies in the evening.

August 21, 1916, sudden death of our beloved Companion Alonzo H. Smith, who joined Salem Council June 25, 1886. Brother Smith was Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose and Past High Priest of Washington R. A. C. of Salem.

Sept. 27, 1916, George W. S. Rollins, our time honored Recorder and Sentinel, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of Salem Council. Companion Rollins is like a page out of the past; all his early companions "are faded and gone." He joined Salem Council Oct. 14, 1867, and has served this Council almost continuously as either Recorder or Sentinel until this year. He is somewhat of a musician also as he was the first organist in Winslow Lewis Commandery in 1865, holding that office for the period of eleven years. He has been a member of this Council almost fifty years.

Oct. 23, 1916, annual assembly. Ernest P. Lane, re-elected T. I. M.; whole number of members 260. Twenty-seven candidates made during the year—a mighty fine record. Officers installed by Ill. Companion Robert L. Almy, assisted by Ill. Companion Herbert S. Gilman. I do not think that I have mentioned this fact before, but this makes the seventh time I have installed the officers of Salem Council during the last decade. I omitted this because I want you to know that I am writing the history of Salem Council

and not my autobiography. Announcement of the death of Edward H. Meacom, Oct. 20, 1916.

Nov. 22, 1916, presentation of jewel to P. T. I. M. Lane, by Ill. Comp. Albert F. Smith.

After the Council was closed a reception and dinner was tendered to our M. of C. Comp. Frederick J. Needham, who recently returned from service on the Mexican border. Interesting remarks were made by Comp. Frank S. Elliott, of Gloucester, and Capt. Needham.

Dec. 27, 1916, Comp. and Capt. Frederick J. Needham, of the U. S. National Guard, presented the Council with a beautiful baton in appreciation of the courtesies shown him on his return from the Mexican border.

Christopher Carter died Dec. 30, 1916.

1917

ORGANIZATION

Ernest P. Lane, T. I. M.
Howard A. Streeter, D. M.
A. Simpson Lyle, P. C. of W.
Walter B. Edgell, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
John H. Lewis, Chaplain
F. J. Needham, M. of C.
Charles J. Trask, C. of G.
George W. Blinn, C. of C.
W. L. Williams, Steward
Frank W. Ross, Organist
John W. Johnson, Sentinel

Jan. 12, 1917, Comp. Frank W. Ward died.

Feb. 24, 1917, death of Frank H. Moreland.

March 28, 1917, announcement of the death of Comp.

George C. Stickney, who died March 6, 1917, and Comp. Albert S. Conant, who died March 15, 1917.

At this assembly we had a rare and beautiful innovation, the singing of that sublime hymn, "Abide With Me," by Comp. Edward K. Burbeck, during the conference of the Royal Degree.

April 25, 1917, Salem Council placed the names of all enlisted men, who are serving during the war, on the Roll of Honor. Their dues are remitted until service expires. Announcement of the death of Comp. Fred H. Woodbury, who died April 12, 1917.

The Royal and Select Degrees were worked by the Deputy Master, H. A. Streeter, in a very beautiful and impressive manner, the T. I. M. being called away on business.

May 23, 1917, visitation by the Grand Captain of the Guard, George T. Willey, and suite. Our Deputy Master being a professional man and a doctor, he was unavoidably detained on an important case in the western part of the state, and unable to attend the meeting or even to let us know in time to prepare for the degree, which was the Super-Excellent. We had to call on the suite to volunteer and we were very fortunate in having such men as Ill. Comp. Charles A. Hull, of Boston Council, and Ill. Comp. Hersem, of Somerville, who did the work for us in a most impressive manner.

Announcement of the severe illness of the Grand Master, W. H. L. Odell; also of the death of Comp. Joseph A. Wallis, of Beverly, which occurred May 14, 1917.

Announcement by Ill. Comp. Robert L. Almy of the death of Ill. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, which occurred this week.

Council meetings declared suspended until September; closed by singing the "Star Spangled Banner," by Comp.

Burbeck and the members of the Council.

Sept. 26, 1917, memorial page prepared and inscribed on the records for Comp. Frank Hanson, who died July 16, 1917.

Oct. 24, 1917, annual assembly.

Announcement of the death of Comp. Walter B. Edgell, Treasurer, who died October 8, 1917.

Howard A. Streeter elected T. I. M.

Total number of members 263. Candidates during the year, twelve—died, nine.

Officers installed by Ill. Clinton A. Ferguson, assisted by Ill. Comp. Charles Goodwin and Major Bowers.

Council voted to ask the trustees to invest $400.00 of the permanent fund in Liberty Bonds.

Dec. 26, 1917, the T. I. Master announced that Ill. Comp. Clinton A. Ferguson had been elected G. P. C. of the work at the annual assembly of the Grand Council of Massachusetts. Ill. Comp. Ferguson was introduced, and made a few well chosen and interesting remarks.

1918

ORGANIZATION

Howard A. Streeter, T. I. M.
A. Simpson Lyle, D. M.
Charles J. Trask, P. C. of W.
Fred A. Norton, Treasurer
George F. Cooke, Recorder
John H. Lewis, Chaplain
John C. Graham, M. of C.
George W. Blinn, C. of G.
Walter L. Williams, C. of C.
John W. Johnson, Sentinel
Frank W. Ross, Organist

According to the records no Steward was appointed for this year.

Charles H. Preston, trustee of the permanent fund for three years.

HOWARD A. STREETER

THE 28th T. I. M. of Salem Council was born Aug. 12, 1875, in Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, New York. He moved to Worcester, Mass., in March, 1883. He attended the schools in that city, and was graduated from the Classical High School in June 1894. Later he received the Degree of Doctor of Medicine from Boston University School of Medicine, June 1, 1898. Served as house physician and surgeon at Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester, from June 1898, to April, 1899, after which he practiced medicine in Clinton, Mass., from April 1899, to January, 1904; also practiced medicine in Marblehead from May, 1904, to January, 1917. In January, 1917, he was appointed State District Health Officer, by the State Health Commission, for Berkshire Health District. While in Marblehead he was a member of the Board of Health from July, 1904, to January, 1917, and chairman from April, 1909, to January, 1917.

Masonic Career

Raised to the degree of Master Mason in Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead, June 18, 1907. Exalted to the degree of R. A. Mason in Washington R. A. C., Salem, May 14, 1908. Received the degree of Super-Excellent Master in Salem Council, Dec. 23, 1908; was Knighted in Winslow Lewis Commandery, K. T., April 15, 1909.

Joined Aleppo Temple, N. M. S., June 5, 1912; received the fourteenth grade in the Sutton Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., in November, 1909.

Appointed Junior Steward of Washington R. A. C., October, 1908.

Elected Scribe, October, 1917.

March 27, 1918, by motion made by Ill. Comp. Benj. Cole, it was voted that the Salem Council celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary, and that the expense of the celebration be covered by subscription, with the exception of the banquet, for which tickets will be sold at $2.00 each.

Official visitation by R. Ill. Comp. Clinton A. Ferguson, Grand P. C. of W. of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, Ill. Comp. Frank W. Palmer acting as Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The following committee was appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Salem Council, which occurs June 3d, of this year:

All the officers of Salem Council, also the past T. I. Masters, and Companions George W. Pickering, Frank A. Neff, Arthur W. Beckford, Geo. H. Vose, John G. Broughton, George S. Sinnicks and J. Alex. Lodge.

Ill. Comp. Ezra L. Browne, Past T. I. M. of Salem Council, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, April 24, 1918.

IN MEMORIAM

Companion Arthur Pickering died April 12, 1918.

I have written, as requested, the history of the first hundred years of Salem Council. It has taken two years and a half to compile it. Taking into consideration the fact that there were no records to consult from its first inception in 1818 until 1866, it has not been an easy task; although to me the duty has been a pleasant one. As far as possible I have tried to make it historically correct. Perhaps I have gone too much into detail, in relation to men who have been prominent in the order, but what is the history of an institution but the history of its leaders? Anachronisms may have crept in, but I have done by best to avoid them. Salem Council has passed through many vicissitudes and witnessed many changes.

The United States has been engaged in four wars, including the present terrible conflict with the end not yet in sight. Slavery has been abolished. Inventions, undreamed of in the early days, have been perfected during this wonderful hundred years. Perhaps the historian who writes the story of the second centennial of this Council will look back at us and say, "They were truly a very primitive people." But we hope and pray that this "Free government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not have perished from the land."

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MEMBERS

The present membership of Salem Council is 266, consisting of the following companions:

Ralph F. Abbott, Danvers
Edward C. Albree, Swampscott
Robert L. Almy, Salem
Joseph F. Appleton, Salem
Otis M. Baker, Beverly
Joel E. Ballentine, Peabody
William H. Barnard, Salem
Harry G. Batchelder, Danvers
Arthur W. Beckford, Danvers
Pierce Bell, Peabody
Orin Bennett, Salem
Alexander Black, Beverly
Arthur F. Blake, No. Wilmington
J. Albert Blake, Boston
George W. Blinn, Salem
Fred H. Bliss, Salem
Harry A. Bliss, Salem
John Boettner, Jr., Montana
Alan Bouve, Salem
Silas Boyes, Salem
William Briggs, Salem
Wm. R. Brooks, Beverly Farms
John G. Broughton, Marblehead
Edward G. Brown, Marblehead
J. Clarke Brown, Salem
Thomas B. Broughton, Beverly
Roger S. Brown, Salem
Ezra L. Browne, Salem
Edward K. Burbeck, Salem
Stephen Burger, Salem
Albert Butler, Peabody
James G. Carleton, Marblehead
John T. Carroll, Danvers
George B. Chandler, Peabody
William C. Clapp, Salem
Harry D. Clifford, Salem
Aaron Cogswell, Essex
Benjamin Cole, Marblehead
Frank P. Cook, Salem
George F. Cooke, Manchester
Frederick L. Cole, Danvers
Henry W. Cook, Danvers
Lester S. Couch, Danvers
Frank Cousins, Salem
Walter T. Creese, Danvers
William H. Crosby, Danvers
Fred S. Cullen, Beverly Farms
Charles F. Curtis, Salem
Joseph D. Danforth, Danvers
Walter N. Daniels, Marblehead
Dr. John H. Dearborn, Salem
Jay E. Day, Danvers
Adelbert Dennett, Salem
Lewis Doane, Marblehead
Leslie E. Dockman, Salem
Elmer A. Dodge, Danvers
Thomas C. Durrey, Beverly
Charles M. Duren, Swampscott
Frank L. Eldridge, Salem
George B. Farrington, Salem
George C. Farrington, Peabody
Clinton A. Ferguson, Marblehead
Leon T. Foster, Magnolia
Ernest G. Foss, Danvers
Charles H. Fowler, Salem
Samuel S. W. Francis, Salem
Chester B. Freeto, Salem
Fred U. French, Danvers
Frank B. Friend, Portland, Me.
George W. Full, Salem
Frank A. Gardner, Salem
Henry E. Gates, Salem
William L. Gilley, Marbehead
Herbert S. Gilman, Salem
Louis Glichouse, Beverly
George J. Godsland, Salem
Frank T. Goodell, Salem
Oliver W. Goodell, Salem
William N. Goodridge, Salem
Charles Goodwin, Marblehead
George L. Goss, Salem
William H. Gove, Salem
William P. Gove, Salem
John C. Graham, Salem
Geo. B. Granger, San Francisco
Frank A. Graves, Marblehead
Josie S. L. Greene, Marblehead
Clarence Grey, Salem

Benjamin S. Grush, Salem
Frederick P. Hall, Salem
George N. Harris, Salem
H. G. Hathorne, Danvers
Arthur R. Hawkins, Bev. Farms
William E. Haywood, Salem
Benjamin F. Hill, Salem
Arthur Hindle, Salem
John H. Hodgkins, Gloucester
William R. Hoelzel, Danvers
Wallace P. Hood, Danvers
Edward A. Hopkins, Braintree
Herbert Humphrey, Marblehead
L. G. Humphrey, Marblehead
David M. Hunting, Salem
J. Fred Hussey, Danvers
Harry P. Ingraham, Peabody
James F. Ingraham, Jr., Peabody
Phocion J. Ingraham, Peabody
Harry E. Jackson, Salem
Charles N. Jefferson, Danvers
William M. Jelly, Salem
Edward Jenks, Salem
Albert E. Johnson, Salem
John W. Johnson, Salem
Merton E. Johnson, Beverly
Charles W. Julyn, Salem
Herbert E. Junkins, Marblehead
H. E. Knowland, Marblehead
Harry D. Kennard, Peabody
M. Leon Lewis, Danvers
Arthur O. Lord, Salem
Ernest P. Lane, Salem
Wm. E. Lavender, Marblehead
William A. Lee, Beverly
H. D. Lefavor, Raymond, N. H.
John H. Lewis, Salem
Alex. H. Libby, Tilton, N. H.
John L. Litchman, Marblehead
Phillip Little, Salem
Dean E. Lochman, Salem
J. W. Lockerbie, Marblehead
J. Alex. Lodge, Manchester
Mansel C. Lord, Danvers
A. Simpson Lyle, Gloucester
Nathaniel C. Lyon, Marblehead
Wm. T. Litchman, Marblehead
Frank W. Marsh, Danvers
Horace M. Martin, Marblehead
Jonathan May, Magnolia
K. J. McCharles, Peabody
B. C. McSheehy, Salem
Joshua B. Merrill, Salem
Alvin J. Mooney, Salem
William H. Morgan, Salem
Alphameo Morrill, Salem
C. C. Moustakis, Salem
Charles S. Nauss, Gloucester
Loren H. Nauss, Gloucester
Frank A. Neff, Salem
Aubrey A. Nelson, Salem
Alfred W. Newcomb, Salem
John H. Newell, Beverly
Morris I. Newmark, Salem
Edward W. Nichols, Salem
W. C. Nickerson, Danvers
Josiah E. Nightingale, Danvers
Lemuel F. Noble, Boston
Fred A. Norton, Salem
Frederick J. Needham, Salem
Henry L. Odell, Beverly
Arthur A. Osborne, Peabody
Frank N. Osborne, Marbehead
Louis P. P. Osborne, Peabody
Fred M. Page, Swampscott
Henry C. Page, Worcester
John D. Paine, Marblehead
Arthur H. Palmer, Salem
Osborn Palmer, Peabody
Andrew H. Paton, Danvers
Philip H. Peach, Salem
Arthur E. Perkins, Danvers
Harold S. Perkins, Peabody
Clifford O. Perry, Danvers
William A. Peterson, Salem
Marcus C. Pettingill, Danvers
Harry G. Pew, Gloucester
Geo. W. Pickering, Salem
Willard S. Pike, Gloucester
George W. Pitman, Salem
Fred W. Poor, Los Angeles, Cal.
W. Everett Potter, Danvers
William Powell, Peabody
Chares H. Preston, Hathorne
Jacob Printz, Brookline
Dudley B. Purbeck, Boston
James H. Putnam, Danvers
Charles M. Quimby, Gloucester
John A. Radcliffe, Gloucester
William P. Radford, Salem

John M. Raymond, Salem
Edward H. Reed, Danvers
Lyndon O. Ramsdell, Danvers
Albert P. Richardson, Salem
William Richmond, Danvers
Henry K. Roberts, Salem
Andrew Robertson,
Kitchener, Ontario
Edgar S. Rideout, Beverly
Andrew W. Rogers, Beverly
Emery J. Rollins, Salem
William H. Rollins, Salem
Geo. W. S. Rollins, Salem
Frank W. Ross, Danvers
John H. Salkins, Marblehead
John L. Saltonstall, Beverly
William H. Sanborn, Salem
Frank H. Sanger, Peabody
Howard B. Sawyer, Salem
George B. Sears, Salem
Thomas Scott, Gloucester
Daniel H. Shillaber, Lynn
George C. Silsbury, Salem
Edward O. Sinclair, Salem
George S. Sinnicks, Manchester
Ackley R. Slee, Marblehead
Charles A. Slee, Marblehead
Albert F. Smith, Salem
Frank E. Smith, Salem
Arthur A. South, Beverly
Frank O. Staples, Danvers
James S. Steele, New York
George O. Stimpson, Danvers
Harry E. Stockwell, Peabody
Edward W. Stone, Marblehead
Lawrington E. Stover, Salem
Howard A. Streeter, Pittsfield
Charles H. Symonds, Peabody
Charles R. Tapley, Danvers
Walter A. Tapley, Danvers
Prentiss H. Thomas, Peabody
George K. Thornton, Beverly
George W. Tibbetts, Cambridge
Alonzo F. Titus, Salem
George W. Towne, Danvers
Charles J. Trask, Danvers
Jesse F. Trask, Atlantic
Wm. D. T. Trefry, Marblehead
Edward B. Trumbull, Salem
S. Chase Tucker, Peabody
W. G. Tucker, Gloucester
Wm. F. Tufts, Danvers
J. Sumner Twichell, Beverly
George Upton, Peabody
Ira Vaughan, Philadelphia
George H. Vose, Beverly
George F. Very, Salem
Carl Wagner, Salem
William T. Walke, Salem
Edward J. Walkley, Marblehead
H. Merritt Wallis, Beverly
Charles N. Walton, Salem
Milburn P. Ward, Peabody
N. Harris Ware, Marblehead
George P. Wells, Salem
Monson L. Wetherel, Gloucester
Victor M. Whitman, Norway, Me.
Fred P. Willard, Salem
J. Stoddard Williams, Salem
Walter L. Williams, Peabody
Frank L. Winslow, Danvers
Melville Woodbury, Beverly
Stephen E. Woodbury, Beverly
Fred R. Woodman, Salem
Tracy F. Woodman, Danvers
Wm. A. Woodman, Danvers
David E. Woodward, Danvers
James Young, Jr., Salem

NOTE: George W. S. Rollins, member of Salem Council, is our oldest member. He joined in 1867, making him 51 years in the Service.

CALLED TO THE COLORS

Henry E. Gates
Lewis Doane
Osborn Palmer
Andrew B. Robertson
Frederick J. Needham